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Photo by Carol Van Doren

Under the glare — Selectman candidates had plenty of chances to debate over the past two weeks, at no less than five forums, both morning and evening. Here, at the Senior Center Friday morning, Mary French and incumbent Bill Downs listen to Thomas Collins address the audience.

For selectman, moderator

And now, time to choose

By Neil Fater

While the three candidates for selectmen are friendly enough during debates to seem like three musketeers, when it comes to their views, you won't hear them shouting "all for one and one for all."

That's because Mary French, Tom Collins and incumbent Bill Downs differ substantially in their opinions regarding several multi-million dollar projects that will face Andover voters at Town Meeting. These proposed projects include the public safety center, two sewer expansion projects and a lease option for a privately-funded new senior center.

But Downs, Collins and French each hope these political differences are reason enough for voters to turn out for the town election Tuesday, March 23. Polls will be open for all precincts at



Election at a glance

When? Tuesday, March 23, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Where? All precincts vote at Andover High School field house, Shawsheen Road. Park in the lot behind the field house.

Who?

Moderator: One for one year
Selectman: One for three years
School Committee: One for three years
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Help: A shuttle bus will run from the Senior Center to the high school.

Andover High School's new gymnasium from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The only other contested race on the ballot is the annual fight of spring between incumbent moderator Jim Doherty and challenger John Doyle.

Selectmen overview

The selectmen candidates had one of their last debates Tuesday morning, courtesy of the Service Club of Andover.

Collins, who has lived in Andover for 22 years, says his background in both law and engineering will give Andover the type of knowledge and experience it needs from a selectman as it contemplates starting several complicated construction projects.

A practicing Main Street attorney, Collins says he's also a registered professional engineer with degrees in aeronautics, astronau-

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A split on safety center

By Neil Fater

Guessing the fate of the town's proposed \$12.9-million public safety center project is becoming anything but a safe bet.

While the Finance Committee is deciding how to pay for the job, selectmen are still arguing over what kind of project should be built in the first place.

On Monday, Selectmen Larry Larsen and Bill Downs proposed alternative options to building the project, surprising if not angering other board members and the police and fire chiefs.

The current proposal, to build an entirely new safety center at the site of the current center, has been on the table, essentially unchanged, for months. Selectman Lori Becker and the chiefs say that it's now too late to toss out other ideas for discussion.

They believe that proper planning has been done, the cost of the project has been reduced as much as possible, and the town

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Photo by Carol Van Doren

Snow daze — The late-winter storm made for great snowballs, snowmen and snow forts, as Kate Nichols and Alexandra Daher can attest. The girls were having fun helping to build a fort at Andover High, which was closed Monday due to the weather.

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On the air — *Listen '99*, a documentary program on media literacy, was taped last Wednesday at the Andover High television studio, and included interviews with District Attorney Kevin Burke and Hubert Jessup, the national director of the CCV Project for the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, as well as a teacher at Boston University. At right, AHS senior Emily Reimer interviews Burke and Jessup.



Teens, violence and media

Are teens influenced by sexual and violent content in the media? Are impressionable youths acting on messages they absorb while watching movies such as *8MM*, or television shows such as *Dawson's Creek*?

These were the issues discussed on *Listen '99*, a documentary filmed Wednesday, March 10, at Andover High School, about how the media influence teenage behavior.

Listen '99, presented by Andover High TV production teacher Joe Spanos and teacher Harry Durso, was taped in the AHS TV studio with a crew of students from TV production classes. The documentary included an opening segment of various clips from different violent films, including *Natural Born Killers*, *Scream* and *Goodfellas*. Other provocative scenes shown during the taping were from the TV show *Dawson's Creek*, and shots of AHS students speaking their minds about how the media influence themselves and others.

However, the majority of *Listen '99* consisted of an interview conducted by AHS senior Emily Reimer. Guests included Essex

County District Attorney Kevin M. Burke, an advocate of media literacy who created the Flashpoint Program; Herbert Jessup, an award-winning producer and teacher at Boston University's School of Communication; Lauren Beckham Falcone, teen reporter for the *Boston Herald*; Peggy Cain, a guidance counselor at AHS; and Steven Cooper, anchor and reporter at WMUR-TV, Channel 9 News.

Students said the questions raised by *Listen '99* have no easy answers, since it is obviously difficult to determine whether certain crimes or acts committed by teens are the results of the media's influence or other factors.

An example of such crimes is the Hedgehog Park murder case, in which the teens who committed the murders were thought to have been influenced by the movie *Scream*.

The goal of *Listen '99* provides was to prompt teens to think more about the influence the media may have on them.

Listen '99 will be aired on Channel 22 tomorrow, Friday, March 19, at 8:30 p.m.

— Lisa Kletjian

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Women's symposium is this Saturday

Female political and social leaders from around the region plan to gather Saturday at Northern Essex Community College (NECC) for some serious girl talk.

"Periodically it's important for women to stop and say 'Where are we, and where do we need to go?' says Andover's state Senator Sue Tucker.

The Agenda de Mujer, or First Annual Women & Politics Symposium sponsored by NECC, features local speakers including Tucker, Lawrence Mayor Patricia Dowling, and Lisa Mead, director of statewide affairs for U.S. Senator John Kerry.

The all-day event at the NECC Lawrence campus on Franklin Street is

free and includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon-through-evening reception.

Roundtable discussions in the afternoon include health, education, housing, children and family, welfare reform, public safety and violence against women.

Part of the discussion, Tucker says, should be about supporting choices that women make today, like being in the workplace or staying home to raise a child.

"And thank goodness we have those choices," she says.

Tucker is scheduled to speak as part of discussion on women in politics that also includes state Sen. Diane Wilkerson and political activists Julia Silverio, Ingrid Rivera and Roni Thaler.

One quarter of the state Legislature is female, Tucker says.

"We have a story to tell, and I certainly

have a new perspective," Tucker says of her reentry into politics last year, seasoned by "age, wisdom and experience in the private sector."

Discussions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a reception is scheduled from 4-7 p.m.

An art exhibit celebrating local women artists will be open all day.

Sponsors include the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Lawrence General Hospital and NECC.

The event is open to women working or living in the Merrimack Valley, but guests should register before the event with Nilka Alvarez at 685-7663.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Come talk about Town Meeting

The Service Club of Andover will sponsor a 7 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, breakfast discussion of the April Town Meeting warrant articles. Representatives of the following town committees will be on hand: Finance Committee, School Committee, Planning Board, Town Manager, Board of Selectmen.

The public is invited to discuss these articles free of charge. RSVP to Tom Carroll at (978) 725-5349 to confirm seating. (e-mail: tcarroll@preferred-homes.com)

Chamber hosts breakfast for senators

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual State Senate Breakfast Forum Friday, March 26, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Red Tavern in Methuen.

Senate President Tom Birmingham, and Senators James Jajuga, Sue Tucker, Steven Pangiotakos and Bruce Tarr will review the relationship between state legislation and the Merrimack Valley business community.

The cost is \$15. The breakfast is open to the public.

For more information or to register, call 686-0900.

Quote, unquote . . .

"This is a case of bureaucracy run amok."

State Sen. Sue Tucker, on a decision by the federal government to eliminate funding for a local program for severely handicapped children.

"You had two banks that were worth about \$75 billion and \$100 billion. Now you have one that's worth \$175 billion. I don't know that it makes that much difference to us."

Andover Bank president Gerald Mulligan, on the Fleet/BankBoston merger.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 18

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, 160 Main Street, Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 20

Finance Committee, Water Treatment Plant, Dina Hammond conference room, 9 a.m.

Monday, March 22

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Local AFT 1707, 57 River Road, executive sessions, negotiating subcommittee, 4 p.m.; clerical negotiating subcommittee, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23

Town Election, vote at Andover High School field house, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Planning Board, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

South School Council, South School, 55 Woburn Street, 3 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical

School, sick bank subcommittee, executive session, 57 River Road, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24

Board of Selectmen, reorganization meeting, town manager's office, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

West Elementary School Council, West Elementary School conference room, 3:30 p.m.

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 29

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 1 p.m.

Commission on Disabilities, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

School Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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Center fights to preserve funding for handicapped toddlers

By Taylor Armerding

The key phrase is "natural environment" — a term that sounds pleasant enough, even when applied to handicapped children. What could be better than to place them in a "natural environment"?

But the federal government's definition of that phrase has the staff at the Professional Center for the Handicapped in Andover, along with the parents of some of the children served by the center, in a major uproar, contending that it will eliminate the Center's Developmental Day program, which serves the most severely handicapped young children in the region.

"This is a crisis," says Veryl Anderson, executive co-director of the Center. "Parents are crushed and very concerned."

As of Monday, the crisis was at least postponed for six months. The changes that were going to be imposed Dec. 31 will now be delayed until June 2000, according to Mark Lecesce, spokesman for the state Department of Public Health, which administers the funds for the program.

He said the decision was made by Public Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Koh, of Andover, and Ron

Benham, director of Early Intervention Services for DPH.

But the issue remains — a philosophy that handicapped children should not be isolated from their able-bodied peers. It is already in place in the public schools, and is now being applied to children from birth to age 3, when they become eligible for special needs services from schools.

Based on 1997 amendments to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the center was informed that its \$111,000 in funding would be cut to about \$50,000, and that the children in the Developmental Day program should be shifted into a more mainstream environment.

But State Sen. Sue Tucker, a former board member of the center, says these children will sink in this mainstream. After hearing from parents and staff at a meeting last Friday morning, she called it "a case of bureaucracy run amok."

Lecesce says the impending change will not take services away from such children, but simply provide them in a different setting.

"Children are to be educated to the 'maximum extent appropriate' to the needs of the child in a 'natural environment,'" he says. "And the government has said that a natural environment means one that is 'natural and normal for the child's age peers who do not have disabilities.'"

Lecesce notes that the law has already mandated such

"inclusion" for older children. "And now, they're (the feds) basically saying that philosophy should begin at birth."

Perhaps the concept sounds good, Anderson says, but as a practical reality, it doesn't work. For these children to be with other toddlers who are not disabled would be "very difficult," she says, because they could be in danger of having feeding or breathing tubes yanked out by another child who is simply curious.

"These are very fragile children, and able-bodied toddlers are very curious," she says, adding that the children in this program use "adaptive" toys, and have special seating and other equipment to allow them to sit or stand.

In short, these children are far too handicapped, she says, to be integrated into a setting with able-bodied children. And if the funding of \$111,000 for the program is withdrawn, she says, the only option will be for the children to spend that time at home, where parents are already stressed out caring for them.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

A mother's love — Jeannette Barros, shown with her son, Jack, who suffers from a rare ailment called bioschizencephaly, and needs care 24 hours a day. He is one of the children served in a program at the Professional Center for the Handicapped that is due to be eliminated by the federal government.

"Parents get about 20 hours a week of respite," she says. "Some of them work, but some of them just have to sleep because these kids have to be tended all night long. These are very, very needy children and families."

The center, one of four in the state, serves 27 children from the region.

Tucker also says she can't believe such a small amount of funding is in jeopardy over the definition of "natural environment."

"This is what we spend on a traffic light," she says.

State Rep. Barry Finegold agrees, saying he is "outraged" at the prospect of funding being withdrawn, adding that "we're going to do everything we can to see that this doesn't happen."

Lecesce insists that this is not a case of services being withdrawn, but simply redeployed.

He says the new, amended law means that the condition of each child in a program like this will have to be reviewed, and if it is found

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Mega-merger not expected to create banking waves here

By Taylor Armerding

The impending acquisition of BankBoston Corp. by Fleet Financial Group was clearly the biggest banking news in New England this week.

The numbers alone are staggering. The two corporations are worth nearly \$180 billion. Together, they employ 60,000 people, and have thousands of branches and ATMs throughout the region. Both have branches in Andover.

But local community bank officials expect that the merger won't create much of a ripple here. If anything, they say it may help their business, since their niche isn't looking for the customers who want a mega-bank anyway.

"Some people like a very large, sophisticated bank with cutting-edge electronic technology and a very wide geographic reach," says Len Wilson, chairman and CEO of First Essex Bank, which has nearly a dozen branches throughout the Merrimack Valley, including two in Andover.

"But there are others who like the community bank delivery system, where (the staff) keeps closer touch with the client. The community bank has a better ability to meet the needs of the community, because everybody, including top management, lives there."

Gerald Mulligan, president of Andover Bank, agrees. "It will change the world marginally," he says. "You had two banks that were worth about \$75 billion and \$100 billion. Now you have

one that's worth \$175 billion. I don't know that it makes that much difference to us."

Mulligan and other local bankers say the merger may create marketing opportunities for smaller banks.

"Whenever there are mergers, there are some customers who are disturbed by that process," he says, "and that makes our brand of personal service more marketable."

Indeed, Ralph Benson, vice president and marketing officer for The Savings Bank, which is based in Wakefield but has a branch in Andover, says mergers offer more chances for community banks to catch the "spillover" business.

"Our customers get to talk to the decision-makers," he says.

That doesn't mean local banks don't favor growth. "You have to grow," Mulligan says, "to keep up with the cost of doing business. But we look for measured growth."

Another advantage for smaller banks may be that the employee pool is expected to expand. Early reports are that the merger will cause 4,000 to 5,000 layoffs.

"The employment market has been very

tight for us in the last 12 months," Wilson says. "We've had as many as 30 openings, and now we've got about 20. We're competitive with salary and benefits, but the problem is that

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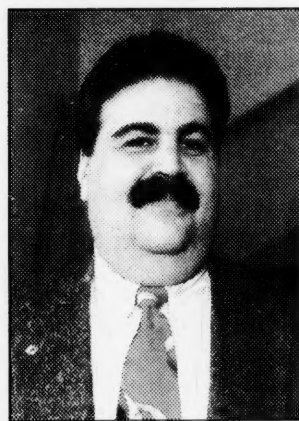
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that the child cannot "thrive and grow" in the so-called natural environment, then he or she can stay in a segregated program.

But others, he says, will be moved into other, more mainstreamed programs like day care or the Early Intervention program that is also offered by the center.

"The money and the services will follow the child, rather than a program," he says, adding that the postponement is also designed to make sure that most of the children now in the program will be allowed to "graduate" before the change occurs.

Anderson says she is grateful for the extension, but still disagrees with the order. "They (public health officials) should come here and see these children," she says.

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Police on lookout for house breaker

By Neil Fater

Police are looking for a man who allegedly forced his way into an Andover home last Thursday, March 11, while only a teen-age girl was home. But they aren't sure what the man's intentions were.

The man parked in the driveway rather than the street, did not take anything from the home and stayed there when the 16-year-old girl's father arrived home seconds after the man entered.

"The bottom line is, we have a guy going to the home of a 16-year-old girl. She says she never heard from him before, never saw him before, (and) doesn't know him from Adam," says Detective Don Pattullo. "We're concerned about whether or not he's going to go into someone else's house."

But the man's reactions would not seem to be the typical reactions of a criminal, concedes Pattullo.

"I don't know why he was there. It doesn't appear he was there for a criminal act, but we don't know that for sure. He could have been there for a criminal act (and not had time)," says Pattullo. "There's certainly a lot of unanswered questions."

Police say the man is white, has a dark brown goatee and is about 5 feet 7 inches tall and in his late 20s or early 30s. They say the man entered the Rindge Road home around 3 p.m., March 11.

The teen-age girl told police she was on the phone with a friend that afternoon when she saw a strange car pull into her driveway. She says she then hung up the phone.

"A few seconds later there's a knock at the door. She goes to the door and the guy has already opened the storm door," says Pattullo. "He asked to come in, she said, 'No,' and he came in anyway."

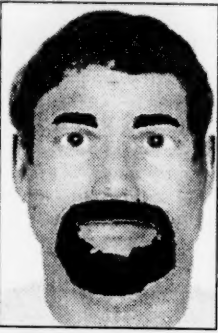
"She says she told him to get out of the house, and that he didn't say anything."

Less than a minute after the man came into the home, the girl's father arrived home unexpectedly, says Pattullo.

"When (the alleged house breaker) was shutting the door, the father was basically coming into the driveway," he says. "The father comes in, points to the guy and says, 'What's your name?' He says, 'Jeff,' and the father says, 'You're out of here.'"

The man left and the father asked the girl who the man was. The girl said she didn't know, says Pattullo. The father tried to see the man's license plate before he drove away and police believe the first three numbers may have been 971.

The man drove a late 1980s grayish two-door vehicle, possibly a Nissan Sentra. Police have developed a composite and ask anyone who recognizes the man to contact the detective division.



House break suspect

Trial begins in student suit vs. Phillips Academy

National media attention is focused on Phillips Academy this week, as U.S. District Court Judge Edward F. Harrington hears arguments on whether Phillips should be ordered to readmit 18-year-old Nicholas Axelrod Panagopoulos and allow him to graduate.

Panagopoulos and his mother have sued Phillips, saying that Panagopoulos has Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder, and should have received special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Phillips says it made accommodations, and that Panagopoulos didn't live

up to its expectations for effort.

"The faculty here are not looking forward to the prospect of going to court to testify in a case that pits them against a student. That's not what they're about," says Sharon Britton, Phillips public relations director. "It would have been much easier for Nicholas to have remained at the school to graduate, but this is about upholding high academic standards."

Panagopoulos' lawyer, Marc Redlich, says the school never should have expelled the student during his senior year. A federal judge granted a preliminary injunction requiring

Phillips to readmit Panagopoulos while the trial is on-going.

"I consider that a positive sign, because the judge clearly recognized the fact finders of the case — which will be a jury — could find in favor of our case," said Redlich, before the trial. "If I was on the other side, I'd be concerned about having lost the preliminary injunction."

Redlich says Panagopoulos has four courses left before he graduates, and would not comment on whether the student has attended classes elsewhere during the suit.

— Neil Fater

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Vote — please!

The not-so-good news is that there is not enough competition for elective offices in next week's election. The incumbents for both School Committee and Housing Authority are running unopposed.

It's not that this portends some kind of disaster for the town. By all accounts, both incumbents are qualified, dedicated public servants, who have served well and will continue to serve well.

It's just that it isn't that good for democracy, because competition makes everybody better, and the more candidates there are for an office, the more people tend to get involved in the process.

The attendance at candidate forums over the past couple of weeks is evidence enough that a lack of competition breeds apathy. So this election cycle should motivate those who have the time and inclination to run for office. Do it next time.

The better news is that where there is competition, there are also good candidates. For selectman, incumbent Bill Downs and challengers Mary French and Tom Collins have conducted campaigns that were perhaps a bit quiet, but civil and professional as well.

All three have the town's interests at heart, and while they would bring different styles to the board and differ on some issues, there is not a major philosophical divide here.

The same is true of the contest for moderator, which pits perennial challenger John Doyle against long-time incumbent Jim Doherty.

So this is not meant to suggest to anyone how to vote, but simply to plead that you do vote. More than that, get a couple of friends to vote as well.

As they say, democracy is not a spectator sport. Don't let it become one here.

A kinder bureaucracy

There is good news on another front this week. The Professional Center for the Handicapped, an Andover-based regional center serving handicapped children, got a reprieve from the state Department of Public Health, delaying an order that the center staff and many parents fear would kill a program that is desperately needed.

The feds say it is time to bring handicapped toddlers into settings where they can interact with able-bodied peers. The center staff says this is a population for whom that simply won't work.

Perhaps it won't be resolved to anyone's satisfaction. But the important thing is that the bureaucracy is at least granting a bit of extra time to discuss it.

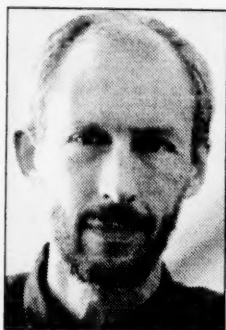
That's a nice thing to see.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Great Caesar's ghost? No, just a snowy version of the Roman emperor made by Emily Taylor, 16, with brother Richard, 18, and sister Mary, 13, at 4 Elysian Drive. While the real one was stabbed on the Ides of March, this one succumbed to some midweek melting.

You have to suffer to really enjoy Spring Break



Taylor Armerding

It's spring break season, and I am insanely jealous.

Not just because I'm now skinny, old and bald, and there's at least a chance I might not fit in among all the college babes and buff boys at Daytona Beach. Not just because I creak when I walk, and would probably make myself lame if I tried to body surf in waves of any size. Not because I can no longer run five-minute miles along that endless expanse of white sand. Not just because now when I lie in the sun, my skin gets leathery and wrinkled instead of bronzed and beautiful.

And not just because I have to work while the "future of our country" gets yet another week off to frolic.

I can't complain about that stuff, because I got to do some moderate frolicking when I was that age (at least I'm going to insist now that it was moderate) back in the si... uh, well, quite a few years ago.

No, what makes me so jealous is that this generation of college students

has it far too easy at spring break time. I keep hearing and reading and seeing all this stuff about how careful college kids need to be when they fly to places like Cancun — you know, don't drink the water and be careful of all those drugs you're carrying with you.

Fly to Cancun? Fly to Bermuda? To Key West or Jamaica? Fly anywhere? What's up with that? Kids, when I was your age, I had to work for spring break.

No, I didn't have to walk five miles through the snow. That was to get to school. And OK, I did end up in Florida. I may yet develop skin cancer from the way I fried my shoulders one of those weeks.

But flying wasn't part of the plan. It wasn't even on the wish list. One was considered lucky if one could connect with some lucky friend whose rich parents were stupid enough to let him borrow one of their cars for a week. And I was never that lucky.

So I'll tell you how spring break was. How it still ought to be. How an entire generation of young people is going soft by riding in airplanes to exotic locations outside our borders, instead of suffering to scratch out a trip to some pedestrian place like Florida.

It was in the early spring of my junior year. I was starting out from the still-frozen suburban wasteland of Wheaton, Ill., and I was at least lucky enough to have a friend willing to drop me off at the expressway that

swung around south of Chicago into the caustic smog of Gary, Ind. From there, it was all south, southeast. As I recall, I had a small bag of clothes and about \$40.

Things started out rather promisingly. I hooked up with a semi-truck driver who was headed to Boston. Sure, he'd take me down to Gary, he said. And the ride was about as smooth as it gets in one of those rigs. We talked. Or, more accurately, he talked. He'd been doing hauls from one coast to the other for about 15 years. The pay was good, the job was secure. The only downside was the hemorrhoids.

Why, he wondered, did I choose to ride in a vehicle for 30-plus hours, even if I was going to end up in Florida?

By the time he left me at the interstate headed for Indianapolis and points south, dusk was coming on. I was hoping for a car with a few people about my age, that just happened to be heading all the way to Florida, and that just happened to have an extra seat.

Well, sort of.

A bunch of guys headed for somewhere in Kentucky, driving a Volkswagen beetle, stopped. There were four of them. Did I want to try to squeeze in? Hey, they said, a sure thing was better than no thing.

So I did. Sometimes I wonder if the back trouble I suffer today began in

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Letters

Preserve property values proudly

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Dear Andover, Dracut, Methuen, and Lawrence citizens,

Hopefully, by now most of you are aware that Dracut is reviewing a proposal for a 750-megawatt power plant. Dracut is the host town, but this proposed plant is situated at the Methuen town line and is directly across the Merrimack River from Andover.

Many in Dracut believe that this is a potential cash cow for the town and that the negative impacts in Dracut are few and worth the money they hope to be paid by the power company. There are however, a growing number of Dracut people who are concerned about the negative effects and are opposed to this plant.

I can imagine how the people from east side of Dracut feel about more pollution and noise, in addition to what they have been enduring for years from the Brox plant.

Some people who are in favor of this power plant seem to think that people in Andover "only care about property values." Since when is it a crime to care about our property values? Dracut, Methuen, and Andover citizens would be getting many negative impacts, such as noise and air pollution, and yes, one of my many concerns is loss in property values. Most people have worked very hard to buy homes in the region, and why shouldn't we care about their value?

If we don't care about the value of our homes, who will? I can tell you who doesn't care, the energy companies who build these power plants.

I also care about public health, aesthetics, environment, noise, (these all affect property value) but I also care about what is, in most people's lifetime, their single largest asset — their homes. If you were robbed of \$40, you would feel violated; if someone broke into your home and took your possessions, you would feel worse and terribly upset at the very least. How would you feel if someone or some entity took \$40,000 from you? I would feel about a thousand times worse.

Well that is distinct possibility, since a power plant such as the one proposed would likely lower your property value by at least 10 percent. This power plant is gigantic — one of the largest east of the Mississippi, and will dump tons of pollutants over Andover, Methuen and Lawrence (which has the highest child asthma rate in the state). I wonder if that would hurt my property value?

Does anyone remember the late '80s, when proper-

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Two for a senior center at Will Hall

Be informed on senior center

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On April 26 at Town Meeting, Article 18 on the Warrant asks the town to authorize the execution of a lease with Phillips Academy for a building known as Will Hall, located at 53 Phillips St., for use as a senior center.

Many sites have been evaluated for locating the new senior center. After years of study, and for many reasons, Will Hall has been selected as the preferred site of various committees and groups in town.

Opposition to this site has been most publicly been raised by some selectmen, who prefer that the new senior center be built on town-owned land, specifically behind the West Fire Station.

To understand the opposing points of view, voters are encouraged to gain perspective on the sites by being familiar with both locations prior to Town Meeting. Directions to Will Hall from the Town Offices (0.9m) are to follow Chestnut Street to Main Street to Phillips Street, opposite the main campus of Phillips Academy. Turn right on Phillips Street for one-quarter mile to #53 on the right — a white three-story building.

Initial development plans would renovate the front building, remove the rear annex, and build a new addition in the rear of the site.

Directions to West Fire Station from the Town Offices (4.2m) are to follow Chestnut Street to Brook Street to Shawsheen Road to High Plain Road to Greenwood Road to the intersection of Chandler Road.

Initial development plans would site the building in what is now the wooded area behind the West Fire Station.

The vote at Town Meeting will be yes or no for Will Hall, only. The West Fire Station site is not on the warrant, but it will likely be discussed as the alternative. Location of the new center has been and will continue to be critical to the issue.

Be an informed voter and attend Town Meeting. This vote is important not only to the seniors of today, but for all those who hope to be one day.

Tim Sullivan
Senior Center Bldg. Committee
52 Gray Road

Why Will Hall is a great choice

Editor, *Townsmen*:

There are more than 5,100 citizens in Andover who are over 60 as of Jan. 1, 1998. The services at the Senior Center are designed to be inclusive, enhance dignity, support health and independence and encourage continued involvement in the community. Youth and adult volunteers are of great importance to the operations of the many programs at the center and are valued as contributing an equivalent of more than 43 percent of the annual operating budget.

In the fall of 1997 the Site Selection Team developed site selection criteria for a new Senior Center that were used as a guide in examining more than 20 potential sites. The criteria included the following:

Location: Will Hall scores at the top, being within a one-mile radius of downtown.

Site configuration: Between three and five acres are mandatory. The Will Hall sites includes more than five acres that are contiguous with the Phillips Academy campus.

Utilities available? Town water and sewer are directly available in

Phillips Street, and we plan to tap into the existing campus and steam electric services for the new construction.

Existing road access? Yes. Phillips Street is a quiet neighborhood street and the new Senior Center at Will Hall will be put on the existing E.Z. Trans bus route.

Site environment and neighborhood? The park-like setting and quiet neighborhood give Will Hall top marks in this category.

Character of existing structure? In early summer we will invite the public to an open house at Will Hall so that all may have an opportunity to view the beautiful classic interior spaces and visualize the completed structure with new landscaping, flower gardens, pathways and adequate on-site parking.

Cost of site acquisition? There will be no initial outlay of capital to acquire the site. Will Hall will be available at the end of calendar year 1999 for construction and remodeling on a lease basis of \$1 per year for 30 years and at one-half the market rate for the next 10 years. We cannot predict the evolution in the programs and services that the center will offer in the year 2040, but Andover's demographic projections suggest that there may be underutilized educational facilities available at that time. Moreover, the Friends of the Andover Senior Center, Inc. have a continuing endowment program that is planned to accumulate substantial capital by 2040 in order to continue private construction funding for this component of the town's facilities.

This is why Will Hall is a great choice and a vast majority of the many seniors and others who have been polled agree with us.

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ty values were crashing? Was anyone concerned about that? When I paint my house, mow the lawn or plant a new tree do people say, "all he cares about is his property value?"

Caring about property values is as important and American as clean air, water and towns that are a pleasure to live in, from less desirable cities and towns.

The city of Lowell is an excellent example of a city where caring about property and quality of life has made a big impact on property values. There are other cities and towns that would benefit greatly if the citizenry cared more about property values.

So the next time someone tells you that, "all the people in Andover care about is property values," confess that it is true, and be proud, it is a good thing that people care. Would anyone like to live next door to someone who does not mow their lawn and maintain their house? Anyone who does not care about the value of their home is not being honest with themselves or they are likely not a good neighbor.

Picture trying to sell your home with a two 195-foot smoke stacks emitting a giant plume of exhaust and a loud humming noise in the background. Now ask yourself, would you move there? Do you still really believe this is not going to cost you dearly in many ways, including "property value"?

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Spring break ...

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the back of that bug. I got to sit behind the driver, who had long legs, and was going to make sure he wasn't cramped. I was riding for free, so who was I to complain? My knees were in my face. My butt fell asleep. And therefore I couldn't fall asleep.

Sometimes I wonder if my brain wave deficiencies today began in the back of that bug, where I inhaled large amounts of second-hand marijuana smoke. No, I didn't participate in the passing of the joint. I didn't have to. The driver exhaled. I inhaled. That was more than enough.

But mercifully, that portion of the trip ended somewhere around midnight, somewhere in Kentucky. Once I could stand straight, I stuck the thumb out again. Surely I was due for better luck.

Well, sort of.

This time it was a grizzled mountain-man type in a jalopy that sounded like it was suffering from an internal hemorrhage. He explained the ground rules. He needed to get to Atlanta, but he was too tired to drive. His

car was actually fine. It just needed a quart of oil every 100 miles. So, if I wanted to drive all night and feed it oil, I was welcome.

It actually worked out reasonably well. His trunk was loaded with about five dozen quarts of oil in glass bottles that looked like moonshine. The car ran. I drove. And by sunrise, I was by the side of the road somewhere outside of Atlanta.

From there, comparatively speaking, it was a piece of cake. The air was warm. The breeze was gentle. The newly-green leaves were on the trees. It was springtime in the southland. It took three more rides, but by that afternoon I was knocking on the motel door of my "friends" who had come down in a Pontiac Firebird. They said I could help pay for the room. They just didn't have room in the car.

And today I don't think so much about the cramped back seat of that bug, or dumping oil into an ancient engine all night. I think about that sunrise over the Georgia hills, and the warm breeze on my skin.

And I know you never get that feeling at 35,000 feet on the way to Cancun.

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at tarmerding@andovertownsmen.com

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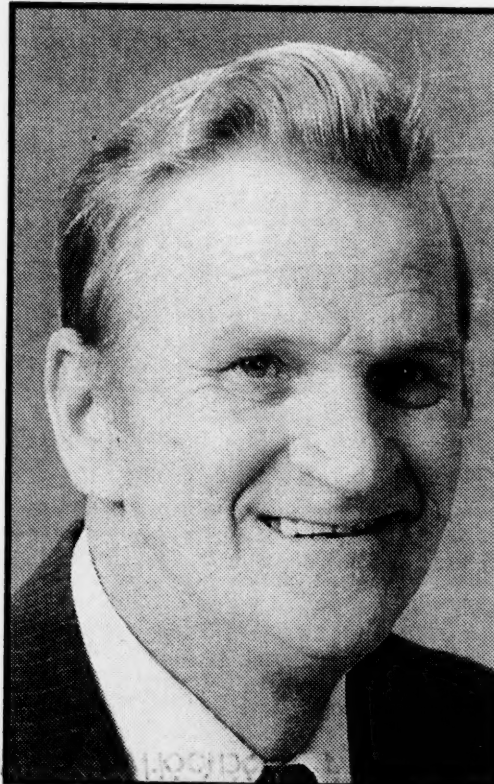
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Education

School board trims budget, approves Montessori school

By Rebecca Lipchitz

School administrators took a crack at trimming the budget this week, and presented a slightly smaller spending plan to the School Committee Tuesday.

The first budget proposed for fiscal year 2000 weighed in at \$36.6 million, and has since been revised to \$36.4 million, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach announced Tuesday.

The total budget cut of \$300,193 was enough to reduce the budget increase from 9.3 percent to 7 percent, Bach said.

Administrators also revised how the increase from last year's budget is calculated. The initial proposed budget of \$36.6 million was a 9.3 percent increase over the fiscal year 1999 budget. But since administrators trimmed the proposed budget for next year and subtracted mandatory special education costs, the increase is down to 7 percent.

To trim the budget, salaries totaling more than \$125,000 were eliminated, including a part-time special education assistant, a full-time technology assistant, a half-time health assistant and two full-time media assistants.

The media assistants were to take over some clerical duties of "media specialists," or positions that formerly operated as librarians.

Education reform calls for media specialists to spend more time teaching students how to do research and use various materials in the media centers, rather than just stamp out books all day, Bach said.

Committee member Skip Eccles suggested seeking out the help of seniors on the work for tax credit programs to help with library clerical work.

The budget was also trimmed by \$75,000 in staff

development plans, which administrators will attempt to replace with grants, Bach said.

They also adjusted estimated utility costs, based on \$100,000 saved this year due to a mild winter, she said.

Committee Chairman Eric Nadworny said there was no need for the committee to approve the revised budget until next week's budget workshop is held.

In other business, committee members approved the operation of the Andover School of Montessori on Tuesday.

Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath said she reviewed the school and its curriculum with Director Rich Abbe, and found that they teach all the same subjects the Andover schools teach.

She recommended approval of the school's operation, adding that the committee's role under this law is to approve operation of the school, not its curriculum.

The school has been in Andover since 1994, but never sought the approval required by state law.

Superintendent Bach said no other private school in Andover has come before the committee for such a vote, probably because their existence predated the law.

While the School Committee has no jurisdiction over the curriculum of private schools, it is required by state truancy law to approve operation of private schools in town to ensure that Andover children who attend those schools aren't truant, Bach said.

Committee member Tim McCarron abstained from the vote.

"I'm rather unimpressed that the head of school isn't here to answer questions," he said.

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Jennifer Lee graduated from Andover High School in 1989. She "breezed through" Brown University, and is now in medical school at Boston University. Lee, 27, came from Canton, Ohio, to live with Sandy Levine and her family through the ABC program in Andover. For Lee, ABC fostered the notion that if people believe they can

do something, they can develop the capacity to do it, even if they didn't have it in the beginning.

"They expected great things from us, and we came to believe that of ourselves," she says.

ABC, or A Better Chance, has brought more than 100 students to Andover since 1966. Students live in the ABC residence in downtown

Andover, attend Andover High School and spend time with an Andover host family. The goal is to put academically gifted minority students into quality public and private schools, and surround them with family and

community support, to give them a better chance.

The national ABC office assists in advertising and initial screening of potential candidates, but offers no monetary support.

To raise money to renovate the apartment for resident directors, ABC has scheduled an art and media auction Saturday, March 27 at Old Town Hall at 7 p.m. The auction is sponsored by South Church in Andover as part of their world

service mission this year.

Marlin Art Inc., of Long Island, will provide the art, along with a few Andover artists, including Karen Harris and photographer David Saums.

ABC volunteers and host families believe the real art is creating a community where students can excel, and students who have gone one to lead successful lives say ABC is the reason they achieved.

For Joe Smith, now of Haverhill, ABC was not only an academic program but a cultural exchange program.

"I was put into an unfamiliar environment, and I had to do my best to become a part and excel in that environment," he says. The exercise in adaptation served him well, he says, as he uses those skills to adapt to his fast pace life in business development for a major Internet company.

"There's no question that the ABC experience helped me in work, travels,

and family life, and to survive in any environment," he says.

Smith and his wife Lisa, formerly of Andover, have a son and a daughter.

Born in Cleveland, Joe Smith went on to Oberlin College after graduating from Andover High.

He was taken out of his Cleveland school district by ABC, and caught up on his reading skills, which were lacking partially because his teacher in junior high school

couldn't read herself.

The experience has convinced him that education can make all the difference.

"There is evidence all around us that proves all you need to do is give quality education to all people, and they will get the jobs they need to support families, to support a growing economy and basically lessen the burden of government to help people. It's simple, really," Smith says.

Tony and Anita Pace, now of Tennessee, both graduated from Andover high School thorough the ABC program. "It gave me possibilities I never dreamed of," Tony Pace says.

He grew up in Atlanta, and while he expected to go to college, the ABC program led him in directions he wouldn't have known existed, he says. "Students selected are those with better things in mind. ABC broadens their field of vision," he says.

Pace went on to Trinity College, and now works as associate director of admissions at Vanderbilt University. Anita Pace also works at Vanderbilt in the financial aid office. They have two daughters.

Simone McBean, 26, originally from Brooklyn, came to the ABC program and went on to Northwestern University. She is planning to graduate from Fordham University Law School in New York this spring. When she started law school there, Tina LaFranchi, her Andover host mother, started her law program in evening classes.

McBean, 26, keeps in touch with the LaFranchis. She and Tina inspired each other through law school, and even studied for exams over the phone.

Smith says he has one regret of the program — that many people of Andover will never know how important they were to him.

"I am so grateful to the community of Andover," he says.

Andover resident and ABC member Sally Holm contributed to this report.



Simone McBean then (above) and now (below).



Super touts Bancroft's AlphaSmarts technology

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach featured Bancroft Elementary School teachers and students — the pioneers of the AlphaSmarts program in Andover Schools — at the School Committee meeting Tuesday as part of her series of Showcase of Exemplary Practices.

A team of five Bancroft teachers received two Lighthouse Technology grants this year, one for \$18,000 and one for \$30,000, both for developing their program in AlphaSmarts.

Teacher Ellen Mokler, who discovered the AlphaSmarts project, says the small, lightweight word-processing units were particularly useful for students with special needs who had trouble writing by hand.

One student jumped up in the middle of a lesson and exclaimed "I need my AlphaSmart," she says.

Teachers say the enthusiasm for using the AlphaSmarts has taken off, and they hope to expand the program to get one set of them for every classroom, says teacher Elsie Wu.

The teachers who started the

program, Mokler, Wu, Sally Magner, Bill Scanlon, Scott Besterman and Julie Seldner, each took on another teacher at Bancroft as a partner, to teach them how to use AlphaSmarts in their lesson.

The word processors are now used to develop writing and editing skills in all areas of the curriculum. Students composed "math poems" and worked on publishing projects, and wrote a variety of reports on AlphaSmarts.

A small group of Bancroft School students demonstrated how they have used AlphaSmarts for the School Committee Tuesday, complete with a finger-snapping, sunglasses-wearing song about how much they like using AlphaSmarts. Even School Committee members were loaned some shades to complete the effect.

"I feel I can't live without them," says third-grader Patty Morin.

Patty says her biggest wish is for everyone at Bancroft to have an AlphaSmart to use.

Teachers will be presenting their project at a national conference in New York on March 29 and 30.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

The way to their hearts is through their stomachs — Ryan Harb (right), a seventh-grader at West Middle School, helps his mother Gretchen with their bi-weekly bake sale. Ms. Harb and her son, with the help of avid bakers — the parents of West Middle School students — have raised \$1,200 so far this year to go toward school activities. Harb bakes 10 dozen chocolate chip cookies a week. All the goods are sold for 25 cents each, unless you know who to see. Students who can't spend their quarters on goodies visit guidance counselor Tom McKenna, who regularly buys \$3 worth of the home made snacks and distributed them to those in need, he says. Harb says the bake sale is so popular, anyone working at the table runs the risk of being squashed up against the wall as students crowd around the table after school. Many parents donate home-made goodies to the bake sale, Harb says, including Charolotte Tarbox, Helen Deering, Karen Sheldon, Elaine Musselman and Nora Kurkul. The bake sale is held every Monday and Friday after school. Harb says the idea occurred to her one day while she was walking her dog in the woods. "I had no idea where this was going to go," she says.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Two Andover High School seniors have been named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. **Senjit Sarkar** and **Jennifer Shu** advanced to finalist standing, a distinction that places them in a group representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school graduating seniors. Finalist status is determined by academic record, SAT scores and school recommendations.

Daniel Sciabarrasi of Andover, a sophomore at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School in Waltham, was named to the honor roll for the first semester. He is the son of James and Judith Sciabarrasi.

He was also named the most improved player on the junior varsity basketball team.

Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall is a coeducational, college preparatory school for day and boarding students in grades 9 through 12 and a post-graduate year.

Five Andover students were awarded dean's list certificates at Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute in Hathorne, for exhibiting academic and technical excellence during the spring and fall 1998 semester. They are **Marilyn Elsmore** and **Michele Paonessa**, who

received a certificate for one semester, and **Michael Matogno**, **Glenna Outwin** and **Adam Rollfs**, who received certificates for both semesters.

Students earning a 3.3 or better grade-point average on a 4-point scale who are enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours of course work receive award certificates.

Wes Lowrie, a senior at Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., has been named to the first-quarter honor roll and second-quarter high honor roll, posting an academic average of better than 90.

Lowrie participated in the on-campus student jobs program in the fall and was a manager of the school's fitness and weight-training facilities.

He is the son of **Frederic B. Lowrie Jr.** of Andover and **Mary Lou Lowrie** of West Newbury.

The following students from Andover made the honor roll for the second quarter of the 1998-99 academic year at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield.

HIGH HONORS (3.3 or above GPA):

Ninth grade: **Rachelle Dennis**, **Pawan Deshpande**, **Alyson Gerber**.

12th grade: **Robyn Klein**.
HONORS (3.0-3.29 GPA):

Ninth grade: **McKenzie Jones**, **William Lindmark**.
11th grade: **Jonathan Feeley**.

12th grade: **Sarah Marden**, **Patricia Waters**.

Also, **Alyson Gerber** was named to the high honor roll at Governor Dummer for the first quarter. Her name was mistakenly omitted from the list supplied by the school.

Adriana Montalbano of Andover has been named to the honor roll at St. Mark's School in Southborough for the first semester.

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers recently announced that Andover students had achieved academic honors for the second quarter of the 1998-99 academic year.

Daniel C. Coleman '00, **John A. Iorio '01**, and **Kellen John Moriarty '02** were named to the headmaster's list. Students must achieve grades of 90 percent or higher in all courses to qualify for the headmaster's list.

Named to the honor roll were **Sean T. Carlson '01**, **Patrick B. Clark '99**, **Jarrold C. Connors '99**, **Duncan Joseph Cooper '02**, **Peter C. Gerstberger '99**, **Ryan James Grieco '02**, **Nicholas R. Hankey '00**, **David L.**

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SCHOOLTALK

Parent to Parent has announced that **Michael Thompson, Ph.D.**, co-author of *Raising Cain, Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*, will be

its featured speaker Thursday, April 8, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the **West Middle School** auditorium.

According to Thompson,

our culture steers boys away from emotional understanding, expression, and development in any ways. This process affects even the

youngest boys, who learn quickly, for instance, that they must hide their feelings and silence their fears. Boys need an emotional vocabulary that expands their ability to express themselves in ways other than anger or aggression, and need to feel, no less than girls, emotional connections.

Thompson will give suggestions on how to support a boy in the early school years and how to help a boy remain emotionally open in adolescence. Boys need us to know what is inside their hearts and minds, and we need to know what we can do to protect and nur-

ture their emotional lives.

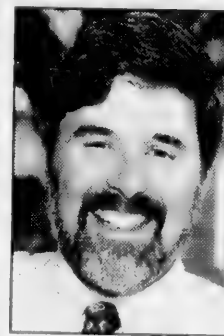
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Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.) classes are being held this spring.

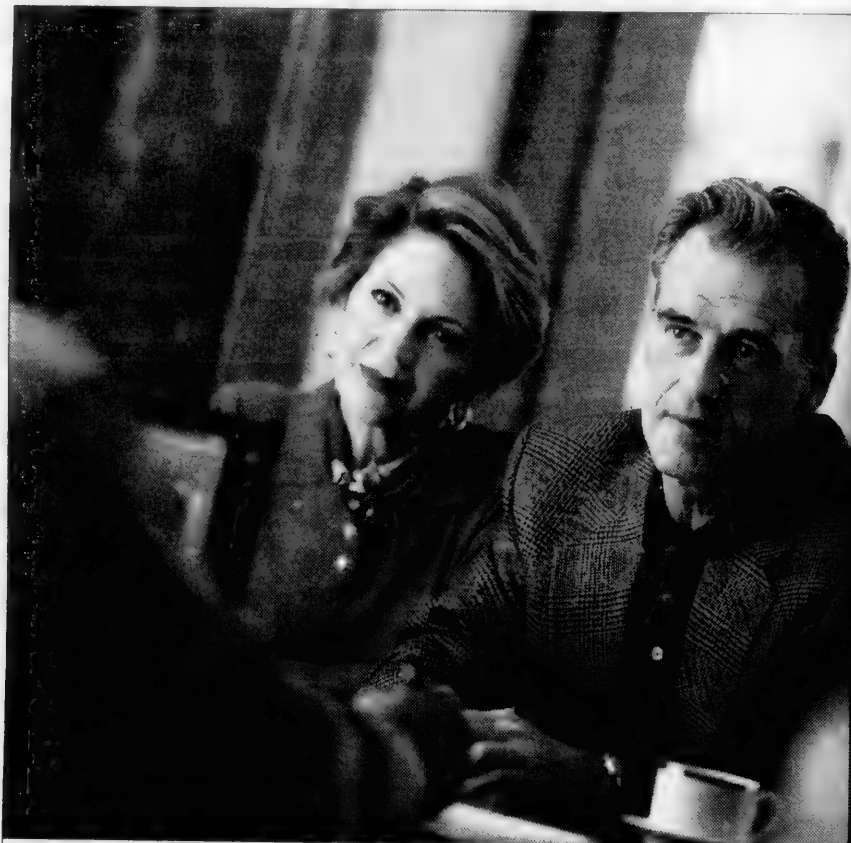
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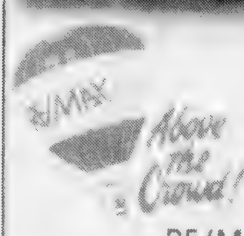
Brenda Marvin (left), a senior at Andover High School and a tutor and student coordinator of PALS, an educational partnership among Phillips Academy, Andover High School and Leonard School of Lawrence, poses with State Sen. Susan Tucker during a recent meeting of the group at Phillips Academy. Fifteen eighth-graders from the Leonard School presented Tucker with ideas about building a stronger Lawrence community. Marvin worked with the group. In its 10th year, PALS is tutoring program run by Phillips Academy in collaboration with Andover High that prepares talented sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade Leonard School students to succeed in high school and beyond. Leonard School students participate in the demanding program over the course of three academic years and during three summer sessions.

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For parents of children ages 7-12, Tuesday, March 30, April 6, 13, 27, and May 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m., third floor, School Administration Building.

Cost is \$85 per person; \$135 per couple. (Handbook may be purchased at the first class.)

Preregistration is required. Call Pat MacElhaney at 475-8282 by March 25.

South School will host the South School/Oldies 103-FM Sock Hop Friday, March 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in the school lobby from 8:30 to 9 a.m. March 22-24. Organizers promise a fun night for the entire family. The ticket price of \$5 (\$20 cap per family) includes face-painting, tattoos, games, dance

instruction, and contests. Photos, raffles, candyland and food will be available for a small additional fee.

The Pingree Children's Theatre Troupe announced its cast for the Vera Morris adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast*, which will be held Monday, April 26, and Friday, April 30, at 11 a.m. Performances will be held at the Pingree Performing Arts Center, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton. Ticket prices are \$4.

Dana Swartz of Andover will play the role of the Mas-

terpiece Painting. Call the theater at (978) 468-2194.

Members of the Andover Education Association spoke out last Friday at Andover High School's cable TV facility in support of legislation proposed by the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA), which would help improve student achievement and enhance teacher quality. The show will be broadcast on Channel 22 at a later date.

"Teachers know best what works in the classroom. The pro-

posals we're promoting today build on our expertise to improve schools," said Tom Meyers, a 10-year teacher at the high school and president of the AEA. "We hope our elected representatives will carefully review these proposals because they reflect our front-line experience and everyday know-how."

The legislation sponsored by MTA would:

- Provide funding to reduce class sizes;
- Modernize school buildings;

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

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Kidd '99, R. Scott Lundgren '02, James McDuff McCarthy '02, Christopher H. Nabhan '01, Casey W. Russo '00. The honor roll requires that all grades must be 85 percent or above.

Nicholas Pritchard of Andover, a sophomore at Minuteman Regional High School in Lexington, was named to the honor roll for the second marking period.

Lawrence Academy junior Matt Wish-

nack, son of Carole Luciano of Middleton and Steve Wishnack of Andover, earned honors for the past fall term.

The captain of the school wrestling team is currently undefeated, with a 10-0 match record. He is one of the top wrestlers in the Independent School League, according to the school.

Evan Greer of Andover was recognized for excellence in academics for the first semester at the Clark School for Creative Learning in Danvers.

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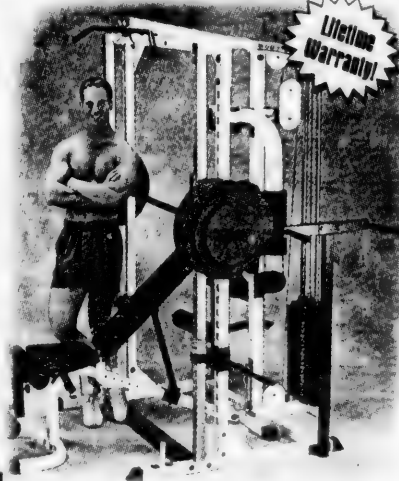
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- Fund preschool education;
- Establish alternative programs for disruptive students;
- Provide remedial academic support for students who need help;
- Require all school districts to provide experienced mentors for new teachers; and
- Promote highly qualified teachers in every classroom.

Three other Andover teachers joined Meyers in support of

the legislation. David Lussier, a social studies teacher, and Chuck Wettergreen, an English teacher, both from the High School, and Sondra Finegold, a special education teacher from West Elementary School, used their experience in the classroom to illustrate the need for smaller class sizes, early childhood education, and mentoring for new teachers.

The "forum on quality education" was part of the MTA's new "Ask a Teacher" campaign to encourage more dialogue between parents and civic leaders about what will really work in classrooms to improve student achievement and the quality

of instruction in public schools.

"Andover has entrusted the education of their children to our public schools. I look at it as a partnership among parents, teachers and our elected officials," said Meyers. "As teachers, we have a responsibility to promote ideas that will really work in our classrooms. I hope our elected representatives will respect our experience and work with the community to keep our schools first rate."

Summaries of the bills and more information about the "Ask a Teacher" campaign are available from the MTA at (800) 392-6175.



Andover teachers speak out for legislation to improve student achievement. Pictured above are David Lussier, an AHS social studies teacher, Chuck Wettergreen, an AHS English teacher, Sondra Finegold, a West Elementary special education teacher, and Tom Meyers, an AHS anthropology teacher and Teachers Association president. They spoke about the need for smaller class sizes, early childhood education, and mentoring for new teachers.

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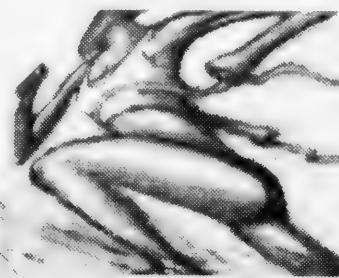


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Here's what's for lunch at Andover public schools the week of March 22-26:

Elementary schools

Monday: Grilled cheese and soup, nuggets and puffs, cheese pizza with pretzels, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Rib barbeque dippers and puffs, pizza dippers with puffs, chicken McSchool with puffs, pudding, milk.

Wednesday: Two tacos with puffs, nuggets and puffs, cheese pizza with pretzels, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni and cheese with roll, french toast sticks with ham, hot dog with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday: Fishwich sandwich, pizza stick with soft pretzel, nuggets and puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Grilled cheese and soup, nuggets and puffs, cheese pizza with pretzels, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Rib barbeque dippers and puffs, pizza dippers with puffs, cheeseburger with

puffs, pudding, milk.

Wednesday: Two tacos with puffs, nuggets and puffs, cheese pizza with pretzels, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni and cheese with roll, chicken McSchool with puffs, two hot dogs with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday: Fishwich sandwich, cheese pizza with pretzels, nuggets and puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Menus subject to change.

Registration dates set for kindergarten

Kindergarten registration will take place at Andover elementary schools during the month of April. Registration packets were mailed to prospective kindergarten parents the first week in March. Children entering kindergarten in September must be 5 years old by Sept. 1.

Kindergarten orientation meetings will be held on several dates from 7 to 8 p.m. [See box, below.]

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with the principal, kindergarten teachers, school nurse, learning specialist and school secretary at the meeting. Bring completed registration materials. For

more information, call your child's prospective building principal.

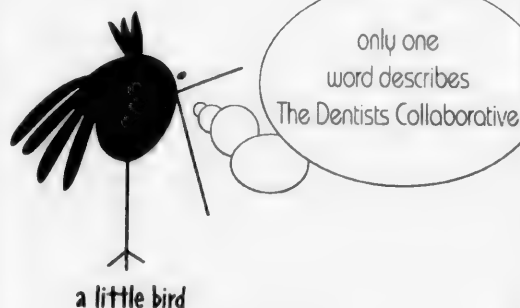
DATE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PRINCIPAL
Thursday, 4/8	Shawsheen	Magnolia Ave.	Theresa Murphy
Monday, 4/12	Bancroft	Bancroft Road	Norah McCarthy
Tuesday, 4/13	South	Woburn Street	Eileen Woods
Wednesday, 4/14	West Elementary	Beacon Street	Charles Friel
Thursday, 4/15	Sanborn	Lovejoy Road	Jade Reitman

Register, choose courses for Andover High on April 7

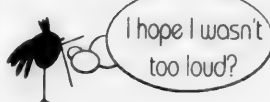
Registration and course selection for private school students planning to attend Andover High School next year will be held Wednesday, April 7, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the school library.

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News

Meet the candidates ...

Board of Selectmen



Thomas Collins
1 Standish Circle

Age: 49

Family: Mrs. Laura M. Collins (wife)

Education: Boston College High School, Dorchester - 1967; Northeastern University, bachelor of science in civil engineering (with honor) - 1972; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, master of science, aeronautics and astronautics - 1973; Suffolk University Law School, Doctor of Law - 1986

Occupation: Trial attorney, office at 10 Main St., Suite 19, Andover.

Registered Professional Engineer, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Past Political Experience: None

1. If the proposed 30-year lease of Williams Hall for a senior center is approved, are you concerned about what will happen at the end of the lease? Why or why not?

No, I am not concerned. The Williams Hall 30-year lease shall provide a facility for Andover's Seniors, right now, that meets the requirements of space and proximity to Andover Center. The lease term is consistent with the unimproved useful life expectancy of most modern public facilities. The term also allows potentially different future perspectives on meeting the senior community's needs through health and assisted care plans and facilities to be addressed.

2. How many of the town's proposed capital improvement and sewer projects do you support? Do you think there is a danger that such spending will make living in Andover unaffordable for lower- and moderate-income residents?

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William Downs
147 Elm St.

Age: 71

Family: wife, Bunny, three daughters, and seven grandchildren

Education: Graduate of Central Catholic High School and North Shore Community College; course work at University of Massachusetts and Merrimack College

Occupation: Retired Andover fire chief; selectman

Past Political Experience: Andover selectman for the past 12 years.

1. If the proposed 30-year lease of Williams Hall for a senior center is approved, are you concerned about what will happen at the end of the lease? Why or why not?

Yes, my concerns:

- Unknown and high cost for lease years 31-40 (3,000,000 annually?)
- No equity when ownership turns over to Phillips Academy
- Eventually, seniors again left without a "home"
- Town will need to provide new Senior Center again
- Availability of land in 30-40 years is very questionable
- Estimated cost of new building in 40 years could be \$15-16 million

2. How many of the town's proposed capital improvement and sewer projects do you support? Do you think there is a danger that such spending will make living in Andover unaffordable for lower- and moderate-income residents?

I support the majority of CIP pro-

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Mary French
17 Moreland Ave.

Age: 65

Family: Husband, Alan; grown children: Tom, Cathy, Hilary; grandchildren - John, Holly, William

Education: Lesley College, M.Ed.; Vassar College, BA with honors

Occupation: Retired school administrator seeking further service to Andover

Past Political Experience: None

1. If the proposed 30-year lease of Williams Hall for a senior center is approved, are you concerned about what will happen at the end of the lease? Why or why not?

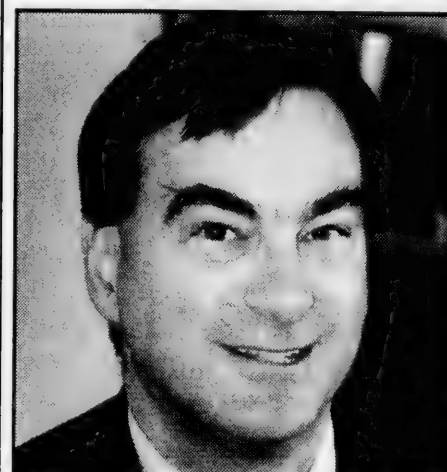
Concerned, but I support the proposal. Town ownership is desirable, but a 12-year search has produced neither site nor plan. The seniors want this site and will fund the project. The planned endowment will provide options 30 years hence. The world may be quite different then, and the flexibility of a lease could be a positive.

2. How many of the town's proposed capital improvement and sewer projects do you support? Do you think there is a danger that such spending will make living in Andover unaffordable for lower- and moderate-income residents?

The question implies a hefty tax increase, but this is not the case. The safety center will be bonded; thus paid for gradually. Sewer extensions will recoup most costs through betterments. Seniors will pay for their center. Funds are proposed now for school planning, not construction. Construction costs (when voted) will be 60-percent reimbursed. I support these projects. All have been long

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School Committee



Eric Nadworny
8 Rogers Brook East

Age: 45

Family: Married, 2 children (one in elementary school, one in middle school)

Education: A.B., Dartmouth College;

J.D., Boston University School of Law

Occupation: Vice President, Associate & Labor Relations, Shaw's Supermarkets

Past Political Experience: Andover School Committee, 1996-present; President, Shawsheen School PTO

1. Given that the schools are seeking a 9.3 percent increase in the budget for next year, what do you think should be the average budget increase for the department over the next five years? Why?

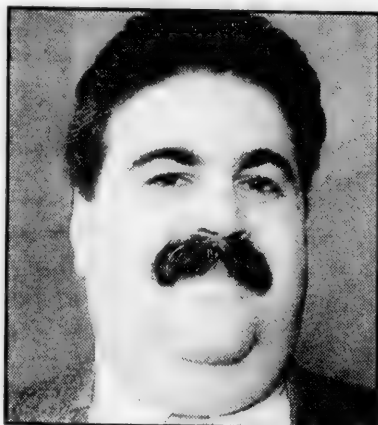
We need to incorporate our long-term educational plan with our budget and curriculum plans, to anticipate budgets that meet Ed Reform requirements and maintain quality education. Areas that we cannot control, such as state mandates, increased enrollment, SPED services, and transportation, will continue to place significant pressure on future school budgets.

2. What is the caffeinated beverage of your choice? Or, put another way, how do you plan to stay awake at meetings?

I drink only ice water, because our meetings are ALWAYS lively and informative. I have never fallen asleep while on camera. (Tall lattes also help.)

Housing Authority

Jim Cuticchia
127 Greenwood Road



1. How can the Housing Authority expand affordable housing in Andover? Should it do so? By how much?

The Housing Authority is looking into setting up a non-profit arm to solicit funds from any available source to address housing needs. My goal would be to have this fund assist families in need with home ownership and support them with the tools they would need to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

Costs and funding sources would be our limitation. If this can be overcome, single family housing using a scattered-site approach would be best. Pursuit of this should have no further limitation.

2. What is the caffeinated beverage of your choice? Or, put another way, how do you plan to stay awake at meetings?

There's been plenty to keep me on my toes, so I haven't needed caffeine. That's changing, with our new director and her staff's impressive abilities there are far fewer "difficult" issues.

French ...

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planned; all are needed. Delay in funding would only result in increased costs.

3. There has been considerable discussion about Andover having a voice beyond its borders, on issues like cell towers, power plants and incinerators. How would you suggest giving Andover a voice on such issues?

Andover needs strong, responsive representation on regional boards such as the Merrimack Valley Regional Planning Commission and NESWC. Additional-

ly, we must foster informal contacts and relationships with officials in other towns or cities. We must call on the expertise and knowledge of our state legislators and work closely with them. Positive pro-active involvement by the selectmen and the town manager will enable us to be heard in the region.

4. What is the caffeinated beverage of your choice? Or, of put it another way, how do you plan to stay awake at meetings?

No problem. The people and topics at selectmen's meetings are infinitely interesting. No caffeine needed.

Moderator

James J. Doherty
9 Juniper Road



Age: 83

Family: Wife, Sheila; five children

Education: St. Augustine School; Punchard High School; Boston College, B.A.

Occupation: Insurance and real estate broker.

Past political experience: Moderator more than 20 years; Chairman of Recreation Committee eight years; Election officer 40 years.

1. Given the size of the warrant for the annual Town Meeting, do you support two regular Town Meetings a year? Why or why not?

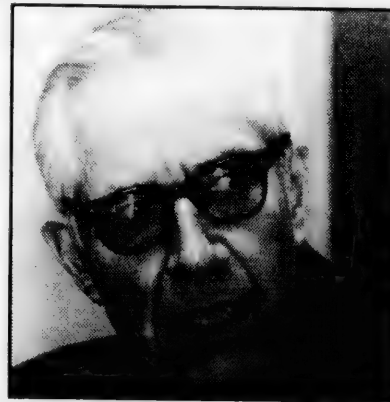
Yes. 100 articles are too many to burden the townspeople with.

2. Suggest ways to improve attendance at Town Meeting.

See above. Split the warrant.

3. What is your favorite caffeinated beverage? Or, put another way, what would you suggest is the best way for people to stay awake at Town Meeting?

Here you go again. Over the years I have observed many people yawning, but never anyone sleeping.



John Doyle
40 Reservation Road

No response



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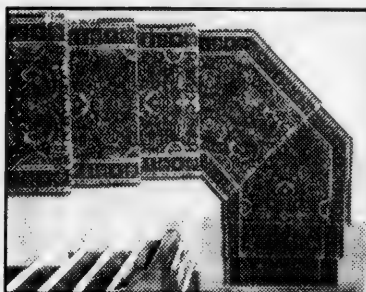
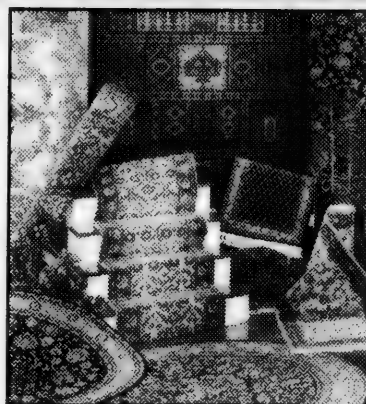
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Downs ...

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jects, especially sewer projects and new schools. \$2,517,000 project (design/engineering). Some costs are too high and should be reduced to a reasonable amount, which should include necessities only, not luxuries. Such spending already places a hardship on the lower/moderate income residents and will continue to do so if spending is not curtailed in future years. These residents must also be considered as

part of the big picture.

3. There has been considerable discussion about Andover having a voice beyond its borders, on issues like cell towers, power plants and incinerators. How would you suggest giving Andover a voice on such issues?

Currently, Andover has very little control over the projects surrounding cities and towns decide to undertake. Andover should have more input in matters that have a direct or indirect impact on Andover. The whole region should

be involved in decisions that affect multiple communities. Better communication among surrounding communities is needed to encourage cooperation, reduce tensions and help alleviate past hard feelings.

4. What is the caffeinated beverage of your choice? Or, to put it another way, how do you plan to stay awake at meetings?

Coffee or Pepsi. Provide coffee for selectmen and residents during particularly boring meetings. Do any coffee shops deliver on Monday nights?

Collins ...

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I support the funding of planning for the school expansion, with selectmen visibility during the study, not just at the end. I support the immediate lease of Williams Hall for the senior center. I do not support the public safety center as currently proposed, and shall only support a final design that eliminates redundant, non-mission-related components already existing in other town facilities. I support the expansion of town sewer, as currently funded through betterment assessments, on a schedule that gives priority to those neighborhoods experiencing either public health hazards or high percentage of Title V inspection failures. All residents shall attain an appropriate return for their tax dollar if the Board of Selectmen maintain cost-efficient control and management of town expenditures.

3. There has been considerable discussion about Andover having a voice beyond its borders, on issues like cell towers, power plants and incinerators. How would you suggest giving Andover a voice on such issues?

I agree that on out-of-town issues that directly pose a definable and demonstrated impact on the health and safety of Andover's residents, it is appropriate that the Board of Selectmen hear, discuss and voice those concerns. I also believe that concerning such an issue, the involvement of the local legislative delegation, through interaction with the Selectmen, offers the most potential for moving it towards a resolution.

4. What is the caffeinated beverage of your choice? Or, to put it another way, how do you plan to stay awake at meetings?

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Election ...

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tics and civil engineering.

"Spending money wisely" is one of Collins' favorite themes, and, during the campaign, he's discussed having department heads appear before the selectmen to support their budget requests. As an example of a way to prevent duplication, he's suggested not adding an auditorium to a new school if the students can use an existing auditorium at another school.

Downs, a 12-year incumbent, was born in Andover. He fought fires in Andover for 31 years and spent his last 10 years in the department as fire chief.

He says he's running on his record, which he believes shows — whether you agree with his views or not — that he always bases his decisions on research.

French, another longtime resident, was also a director of Andover schools' pupil personnel department and its \$5 million budget. She says her track record with Andover students shows she knows how to meet the needs and responsibilities of the town "with the leanest possible budget that can get the job done."

Following in the recent successful footsteps of other Andover candidates, French also says town officials, including the selectmen, need to "work together" and "build consensus."

"Differences in point of view, I think are a good thing," she says. "(But) too often they remain just that, separate and individual point of views."

Andover officials must look to the future as they make their decisions, says French. She also says she understands the downtown business community in part because her husband Al owns a Dundee Park business.

Large projects

The defining differences between the candidates may be in their stances regarding the high-profile construction projects facing the town.

French supports the current \$12.9 million safety center plan, the two sewer expansion projects for the South

Main Street and Rogers Brook areas, and the upcoming 2000 project to build two new schools.

She also supports a 30-year lease option that will allow seniors to turn Phillips Academy's Williams Hall into a new senior center. After 30 years, Phillips can again take possession of the property.

French says the idea that doing all these projects at once will inflict a high tax burden is inaccurate. The safety center and schools projects will be bonded and paid over several years, the senior center project will be funded through private fund-raising efforts (except for \$500,000 from Town Meeting), and the bulk of the sewer projects will be paid through betterments, she says.

French says if the town delays these projects, it will only pay more later.

But French is undecided as to whether the town should pay for the safety center project with an Proposition 2½ debt exclusion override. She calls for a "collaborative process."

Downs, however, has already made up his mind. He says if the town approves the safety center proposal, it should fund it with an override. Otherwise, the town will have little room for budget increases, and when the economy heads south "we're probably going to have layoffs or cutbacks later on," he says.

As a town, Andover can afford to do all the proposed jobs, Downs says, "but I don't know whether the actual taxpayer can afford all of these programs at one time."

Downs supports the sewer projects, but says the town should add onto the West Andover fire station before it embarks on the larger downtown safety center job.

He also opposes the lease option for Will Hall, saying it could leave seniors without a center and without any land on which to build a center in 30 years.

Collins supports the Will Hall option because it gives seniors a privately funded center within walking distance to the downtown.

The sewer projects should be prioritized to provide sewers "to those neighborhoods with health hazards or high numbers of septic failures," he says.




Photo by Carol Van Doren

Shake on it — Longtime Town Moderator opponents John Doyle and incumbent Jim Doherty "buried the hatchet" last week, in Doherty's words. "Yes," quipped Doyle. "I think it got buried in the middle of my shoulder blades."

But Collins believes there are still legitimate options to be discussed before the town can approve the current safety center plan.

"I believe that money must be spent, but any money must be spent wisely and with total accountability to the taxpayer," says Collins.



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But wait! Here's an idea.

You know all those wacky stories people insist on e-mailing you? Well, throw away the crappy ones, and send that top 1 percent to me. Occasionally I'll print some and then you can feel the joy of having produced something yourself! Wouldn't that be grand?!

OK, OK, I'll level with you.

Computers are supposed to make life easier, and I figure it's time they started making my life easier, pronto.

Plus, let's face it, we all love these kind of Web-spun stories, even if we can't make any claims as to their validity.

Below you'll find a couple of oldies but goodies to give you the idea.

Too smart for his own good

A Charlotte, N.C., man, purchased a case of 24 rare, very expensive cigars and insured them against (drum roll, please) fire.

Within a month, having smoked his little Clintonettes, he filed an insurance claim. The man told his company he had lost the cigars in "a series of small fires." The insurer refused to pay, but the man sued... and won! Don't you love lawyers?

Anyway, the judge explained his decision by saying the company hadn't defined the term "unacceptable fire." Therefore, its logical defense went up in smoke. The insurance company paid the guy \$15,000, which in itself isn't so bad as long as you're the guy.

Now, here's the funny part.

After the man cashed his check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson! Using his testimony from the previous case against him, the courts convicted the man on all 24 counts, and sentenced to 24 consecutive one-year terms, one for each luscious cigar.

Hey, smoke 'em if you got 'em!

Not too smart for anyone's good

A San Diego woman visiting in-laws went to pick up some groceries.

Later, several shoppers noticed her sitting in her car for a long time with the windows rolled up, and both hands behind her head.

One person asked the woman if she was OK, and she replied that she'd been shot in the back of the head, and had been holding in her brains for more than an hour.

The man called the paramedics, who had to break into the locked car because the woman wouldn't remove her hands from her head. When the workers finally got in, they found a wad of bread dough back there.

It seems a Pillsbury biscuit canister had exploded from the heat, making a noise like a gunshot, and the wad of dough had hit the woman's skull. When she reached back to find what hit her, she felt the dough and thought it was her brains, so she didn't move for more than an hour.

She should have realized her brains were nowhere near the car that day.

Name game launches musical journey

By Neil Fater

With a name like Bach, you might expect Andover's superintendent to be popular with musicians.

But next Wednesday, Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach will learn just how popular she is with the Andover music department, when it dedicates its yearly music festival to her.

Called Bach to Bach, the performing and visual arts program is planned for Wednesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the J. Everett Collins Center.

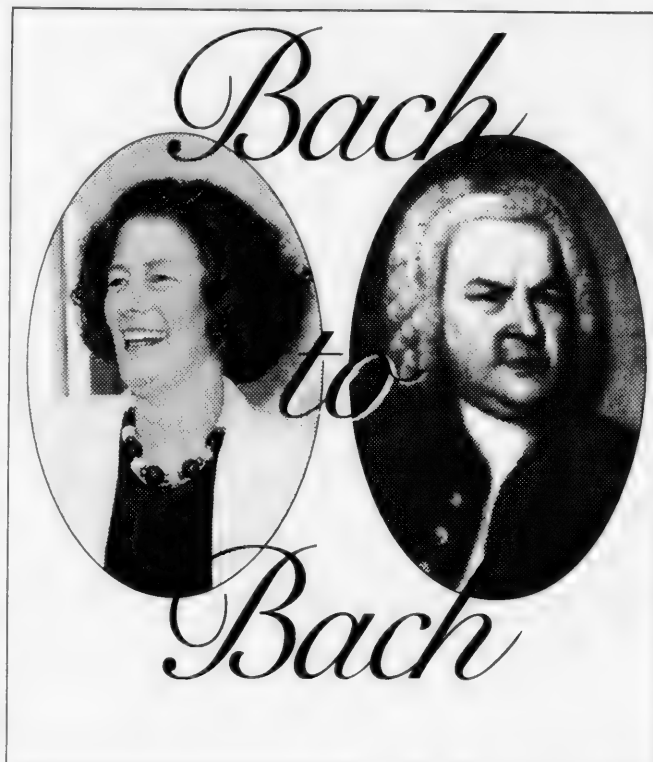
The Andover music department and Diana W. Kolben, Andover coordinator of fine and performing arts, dubbed the night Bach to Bach because it will take a musical tour from the era of Johann Sebastian Bach to the era of Claudia Bach.

"I'm honored and I think it's a wonderful play on words. If that (name) brings record numbers to a concert that I know they're working hard on, I'm happy to lend my name," laughs Bach.

"It also happens that I love the music of Bach. He's one of my very favorite musicians," she says.

Kolben says she did not know how much the superintendent admired the other Bach when her department gave the show its Bach to Bach name. It seems she just felt it was an amusing name.

In fact, it seems the music department didn't decide to do this type of time-spanning program just because of a



Townsmen graphic by Jack Grady

Bach to the present - The Fine Arts Department of the Andover Public Schools will host Bach to Bach, a performance and recital, Wednesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Collins Center. The program takes its name from Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach and Johann Sebastian Bach.

monies of Bach to Bach night, taking the audience through "a chronological program of music from the Baroque period to (the) present day."

Nearly 500 Andover students will be part of the 40-minute performance, with students from every school and grade level singing, dancing or playing instruments.

Besides the 40-minute performance, an art exhibit will

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Weekend glimpse: Web writers and more

Paul Marion will be at the Andover Bookstore Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m., to talk about publishing on the Internet.

Marion is editor of the on-line magazine, *The Bridge Review*, a magazine that emphasizes several themes, including the environment, bioregionalism, cultural heritage and the interwoven concepts of place, nature and culture.

Writers from the magazine, including Mark Schorr, George Chigas and Professor Charles Nikitopoulos, one of the founders of the publication, will read from their work.

For more information, call (800) 491-0143.

The Bookstore is located at 89R Main St., Olde Andover Village.

"Light" musical fare

The Treble Chorus of New England will "Sing for the Lights" at First Church Congregational United Church of Christ, 26 Pleasant St., Methuen, Sunday, March 21, at 3 p.m.

The concert, to benefit the congregation's fund-raising efforts, will also feature the Treble Chorus Youth and Intermediate Ensembles.

Artistic Director Marie Stultz will conduct TCNE, and also lead the Youth

Ensemble in Copland's *Five American Folksongs*. Valerie J. Becker will conduct the Intermediate Ensemble in Howard Blake's *All God's Creatures*.

Andover is well represented by members of the chorus, says a release.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

For more information, or to reserve tickets, call the chorus office at (978) 837-5461.

(LIGHT IT UP, page 23)



Gimme Five - Andover youth are among those singing in the March 21 concert, which will include *Five American Folksongs*.

Weekend...

[LIGHT IT UP from page 22]
Li'l bit of comedy

Li'l Abner, the Broadway comedy musical about Al Capp's Dogpatchers and Yokumberry tonic, will be performed by the Trinitarian Neighborhood Theater at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover.

Merrimack Valley actors star in the show directed by Bill Davis and Connie Bouchard. Performances will be Friday, March 19, at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 20, at 3 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 21, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for ages 60 and over and children under 12. For tickets, call 686-4445 between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday. Tickets will be on sale at

the church on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and may be available at the door.

Brush up with demo
Andovers Artists Guild will hold a demonstration meeting Sunday, March 21, at 2 p.m. at North Parish Church in

North Andover.

The artist will be David Curtis. Born in Brookline in 1950, Curtis was introduced to painting at an early age by his father, Roger W., and took art classes from his uncle, Howard Curtis, while at Gloucester High. He grew up surrounded by paintings of Cape Ann.

After high school, Curtis spent the summer of 1968 studying at the Boston Museum School and then attended the Vesper George School of Art.

Curtis has won several painting awards and is a Copley Master member of the Copley Society, an artist and past board member of the Guild of Boston Artists, vice president of the Rockport Art Association, a North Shore Arts Association member.

There's a \$2 guest fee. For further information, call Carol Boileau at 683-9933.

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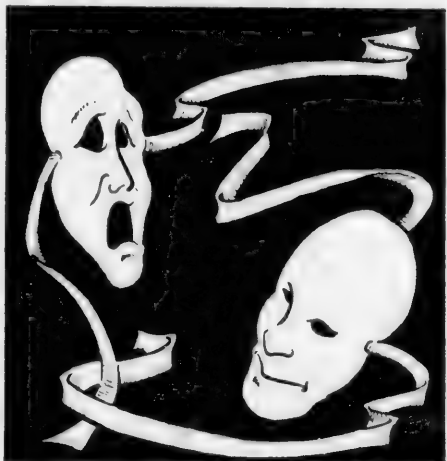


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Q: Collins Center's troubled past is full of it.

Word Clue: 1. A favorite of Oscar's (5 letters).

About the teaser: All teasers are Andover-related and contain a pun. Crossword-style clues are given for each word in the solution. Answer next week.

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Bach tracking event...

(BACH IN THE SADDLE, from page 22)
be open to the public beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Collins Center lobby.

Art work representing all grade levels and a special exhibit of the High School Boston Globe Award recipients will be displayed.

In total, about 190 students' sculptures and paintings will adorn the Collins Center's halls. There also will be a video available, showing interviews with high school students who plan to pursue an art career.

"They talked to me about their inspiration, their motivation, and when they knew that

this is what they were going to do," says Kolben.

Meanwhile, as the Bach-breaking day approaches, Kolben and Bach seem to be having fun with the whole name game.

Bach says she has long had people make comments about her name, and its apparent connection to the great musician.

But Kolben says Bach told her she doesn't think she's related to Bach.

"I told her Tom Jefferson has kind of an extended family, so you never know," jokes Kolben.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, March 18

Meeting, Easter Seal Merrimack Valley Area Stroke Support Group, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Paul Chedekel 475-3298.

Math and technology night, at Bancroft School, games, manipulatives, challenging problems, computer activities, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bancroft Road.

Senior wellness fair, sponsored by Hale Hospital and Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, free health information and screenings, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Hale Hospital, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill; Natalie Timmons (978) 521-8132.

Talk, at Andover Bookstore, Paul Marion, editor of the on-line literary magazine *The Bridge Review*, talks about publishing on the internet, writers

from the magazine read their work, 7 p.m., 89R Main St.; (800) 491-0143.

FRIDAY, March 19

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring *Wake of Matty O'Malley*, comedians Mark Cohen, Tom Briscoe, Scott Roe, 9 p.m., River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Opening reception, sponsored by Essex Art Center Inc., sculpture and photos by E. Cornell Wilkin and Cindy Efinger, 5-7 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Comedy Escape, featuring Dick Doherty, Lauren Verge, Ken Carlson, \$10-\$12 cover charge, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

Li'l Abner, performed by Trinitarian

Neighborhood Theater, 8 p.m., \$10, \$7.50 ages 60 and over and children under 12, Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 686-4445.

Signing, sponsored by Crispin's Bears, soft-sculpture artist Irene Heckel, 5-7 p.m., 23 Barnard St.; 474-4433.

SATURDAY, March 20

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Mark Cohen, Tom Briscoe, Scott Roe, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 19.

Woodworking with 19th-century hand tools, by Andover Historical Society, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$70 members, \$80 nonmembers for four sessions, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Hike, by Andover Chapter of Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), Castle Hill, Crane's Beach, Ipswich, meet at 1:30 p.m. at parking lot, near bath house, \$5 parking fee; Faith Evans (978) 356-2098.

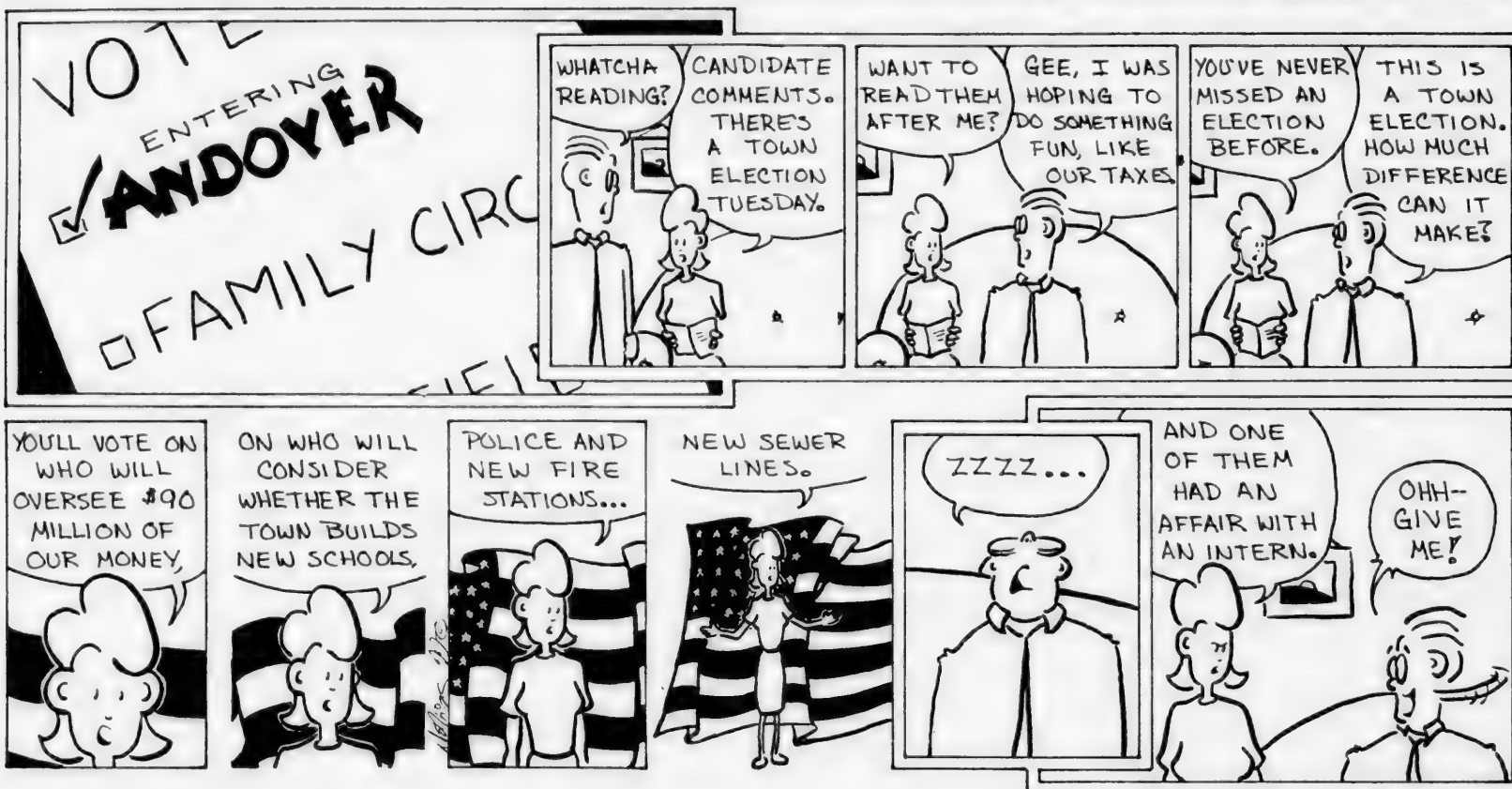
Games night, sponsored by Congregation Tifereth Israel, includes Scrabble, Mah Jongg and Trivial Pursuit, refreshments, 8 p.m., \$18 couple, 501 South Main St.; 474-0540.

Open house, Andover Organ Company, demonstrations, exhibits, refreshments, 1-5 p.m., 560 Broadway, Lawrence.

Woman's Agenda de Mujer symposium, sponsored by Greater Lawrence Family Health Center and (CALENDAR, page 25)

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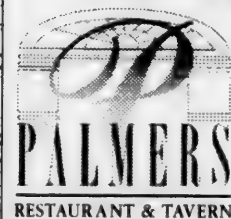
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CALENDAR

(CALENDAR, continued from page 24)

Northern Essex Community College, the agenda will concentrate on health care, education, housing, children and families and welfare reform, welcome by Patricia Dowling, Lawrence mayor, and Kathy Rodger, dean of the Lawrence campus, preamble by Lisa Mead, director of statewide affairs for U.S. Sen. John Kerry, panel discussion on women and politics 2:50-3:50 p.m., featuring Susan Tucker, state senator, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., reception, 4-7 p.m., Northern Essex Community College Lawrence campus, Franklin Street, Lawrence; Nilka Alvarez 685-7663.

Italian festival, sponsored by Neighbors in Need, serving 4:45 and 6:15 p.m., \$7.50, \$5, children, \$25, family of 5 or more, South Church Congregational, 41 Central Street; 685-8321.

Minday Jostyn concert, sponsored by Neighbors in Need, 8 p.m., \$10, under 12 free, South Church Congregational, 41 Central Street; 685-8321.

Li'l Abner, 3 and 8 p.m., see Friday, March 19 entry.

Camera workshop, sponsored by The Mother Connection and Mark Spencer of Carriage House Photo, how to use your camera, First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover; RSVP Mark Spencer 749-9593.

Amesbury Heritage Ball, sponsored by Amesbury Heritage Fund, includes cash bar and silent auction, Carriage Mills, Amesbury; (978) 388-1970.

Craft fair, sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish Activities Committee, more than 50 craftpeople, pancake breakfast, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 686-5712.

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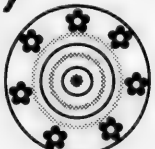
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author Robert Arnett, 7 p.m., children welcome, West Elementary School, Beacon Street; Raj Gururaja (978) 475-8147 or Dr. Vijay Kumar (978) 688-7032.

Concert, featuring Cosy Sheridan, 8 p.m., \$10, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, Junction of Rtes 110 and 125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259.



A Cosy setting - with Sheridan, at the New Moon Coffeehouse, Saturday.

SUNDAY, March 21

Ski or hike, sponsored by Andover Chapter of Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), around Kenoza Lake, meet at 1:30 p.m. at parking lot #1 of New England Community College, Art Olsen (978) 374-0751.

Discussion, sponsored by Congregation Tifereth Israel, on Passover, 10:30 a.m., 501 South Main St.,

474-0540.

Concert, Treble Chorus of New England, 3 p.m., \$7, \$5 students, seniors, First Church Congregational United Church of Christ, 26 Pleasant St., Methuen; (978) 837-5461.

Book reading, sponsored by the Book Rack, Brendan Dubois reads and signs his new Lewis Cole mystery, 1:30 p.m., 52 State St., Newburyport; (978) 462-8615.

Li'l Abner, 3 p.m., see entry under Fri-

day, March 19.

Chinese Golden Acrobats, sponsored by UMass Lowell's Family Discovery Series, 3 and 4 p.m., \$9, Durgin Hall, UMass Lowell South Campus, 35 Wilder St., Lowell; fine arts box office (978) 934-4444 10 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Cradle Roll, sponsored by Temple Emanuel of Andover, hands-on workshop focusing on Passover, children 3-

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CALENDAR

(CALENDAR continued from page 27)

under Thursday, March 25.

Pops concert, sponsored by New England Classical Singers, refreshments, 7 p.m., museum viewing, 8 p.m. concert, \$20, American Textile History

Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 688-2816.

Quilt show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 26.

Concert, 5 p.m., First Parish Fellowship Hall, Westford, see entry under Friday, March 26.

Sea chanteys benefit concert, benefit for Gloucester Schooner Adventure, 7:30 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12, Unitarian Universalist Church, Church and Middle streets, Gloucester; (978) 281-8079.

Annie jr, see entry under Friday, March 26.

SUNDAY, March 28

Spring craft festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see entry under Saturday, March 27.

Book-signing tea, at Stevens Memorial Library, Nancy Weare reads from her book of poetry, "Anne Bradstreet: Selections from Her Works," refreshments, 2 p.m., 345 Main St., North Andover; 688-9505.

Cinderella, 2 p.m., see Thursday, March 25 entry.

Hike, sponsored by Andover Chapter of Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), Salem, Mass., meet 12:30 p.m. at municipal parking lot on Main Street to car pool or at 1:30 p.m., Salem National Park Headquarters; Fred Snell 686-3647.

Annie jr, 2 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 26.

ONGOING Theatre

Goldspell, folk rock musical, through April 3, Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show, Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m. show-only \$10.50-\$12.50, dinner-show, \$20-\$29, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

Gin Game, a tragic comedy, through March 28, Friday-Saturday dinner 6:15 p.m., show 8:30 p.m., Sunday matinee dinner noon, show 2 p.m., \$18.95-\$25.95, reservations required, Giordano's Starlight Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300, or in MA only, 800-287-PLAY.

K2, a drama set on mountain top, by Merrimack Repertory Theatre, March 19-April 11, Wednesday-Sunday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 2 p.m., Saturday, March 27, 3 p.m., \$18-\$31, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-3926.

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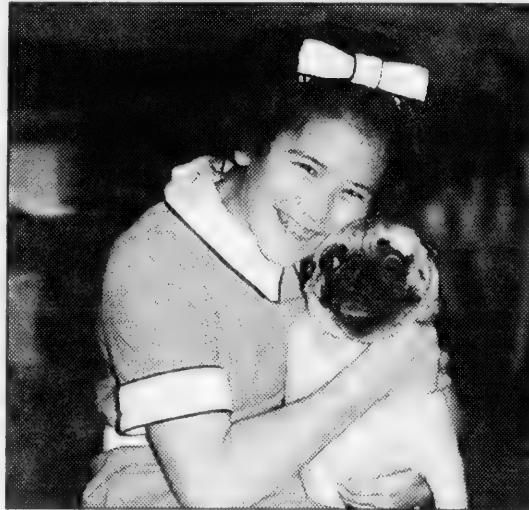


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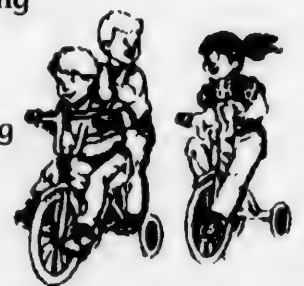
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Signs of spring at the Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society's new brown-and-white sign illustrates the museum and research center's connection to the Essex National Heritage area. This federal recognition highlights the cultural and architectural significance of the Andover Historical Society.

The Andover Historical Society will host its first annual Golf Classic May 24 at Andover Country Club, a fundraiser to inform more people about its programs and services for Merrimack Valley residents. Prizes will include a car from Woodworth Motors for hitting a hole-in-one.

The traditional fundraising used book and record sale will be held June 17. The society needs your support. Consider donating your books and records to the society, a non-profit, educational institution. The Savings Bank is providing storage, so don't hesitate to drop off books, organizers said.

For more information on its programs, services and fundraisers, call the Andover Historical Society at 475-2236.

Conversational English sessions scheduled

The Friends of Memorial Hall Library will begin the spring sessions of Conversational English on Monday, March 22. The morning class will meet at the library from 10



Above left, the Historical Society's new white-on-brown sign. At right, member Dick Moody and a few helpers unload books for the traditional fundraising used book and record sale, scheduled for June 17.



to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session will meet from 12:30 to 2 p.m. There is no charge.

These classes are for students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills.

To sign up for these classes, call Carolyn Fantini at 475-4602. Volunteer tutors interested in assisting with the program should also call Fantini.

Wedding Fair at the Ramada next week

Wedding Fair international and WLLH Radio will present Wedding Fair International 1999 on Tuesday, March 23, at the Ramada Rolling Green on

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Wedding Fair International will also host a Wedding Fair Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the Andover Country Club.

Area Garden Club members in Spring Flower Show

Springtime arrives with the 1999 New England Spring Flower Show, now at the Bay-side Exposition Center in Boston through Sunday, March 21. The Massachusetts Horticultural Society is presenting the 128th spring flower show, Artistry in the Garden.

(SOCIAL NOTEBOOK continued on page 30)

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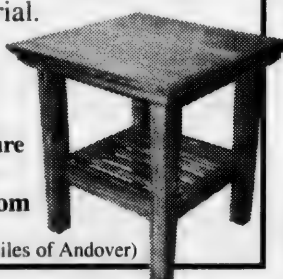
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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 years ago

The first thunderstorm of the season visited Andover Sunday evening.

The Yale varsity baseball club is scheduled to play Phillips Andover at Andover May 27.

Miss Mortimer has returned from New York with a large and choice selection of spring millinery.

Workmen's gala in the Town Hall at 5 o'clock.

A splendid evening is assured at the dance in Odd Fellows Hall, next Friday evening, March 24.

The New York Sunday Journal will reach Andover several hours ahead of its metropolitan rivals. Beginning Sunday a special train will arrive at 9:04 a.m.

Papers can be had at Allen Bros. Drug Store. Leave your orders early.

The imperial house has changed hands again, the former genial owner Mrs. Murphy taking charge. Mrs. Murphy's former reputation in charge of the house is a sufficient recommendation for the future. Everything will be first class.

Parents and all others interested are cordially invited to visit the John Dove School, Friday afternoon,

March 24th. Opportunity will be given to inspect the various decorations in the various rooms and also observe how the pictures and casts are used by the teachers in the schoolwork of the children, particularly in the work in Art Study.

50 years ago

Requests from the police and firemen for shorter hours were granted Monday night when the town meeting decided that their work-week would be out. Reduction of the hours for policemen from 48 to 40 came during a discussion of the police budget when it was voted to give the department an appropriation that included \$6,750 for three additional men, the number necessary to put the change into effect. This will be made effective soon. The firemen's hours were shortened from 70 to 56 by the adoption of Article 11 to establish the hours so that the average weekly hours of duty "other than the hours during which such members may be summoned and kept on duty because of configuration" shall not exceed 56.

Sections of the town were without water pressure for a short time Wednesday morning when a break occurred in the 16-inch water line in

the bed of the Shawsheen River at Central Street. Normal pressure was restored in an hour. This is the line that runs down through Reservation Road where a large break occurred last year. The break Wednesday came about 8:50 a.m. As soon as the eruption in the water of the Shawsheen was noted by the Board of Public Works employees, that section of the system was shut off. This was shortly after 9 o'clock. As soon as the leakage was stopped the pressure started building up in the system from its other lines. A coffer dam was thrown about the cracked section and repair work started. Supt. Edward R. Lawson said that a preliminary examination of the damage and surroundings led to the belief that a large stone near there had

become loosened and rolled onto the pipe, causing the crack. The line, which crosses the bed of the river at that point, was built in 1946.

Roy E. Hardy, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, intimated Monday night at the Town Meeting that he might not seek re-election when his term expires two years hence. Consideration of a sewer extension on Chestnut Street, in which he is interested, was underway when Mr. Hardy left his place on the platform of the auditorium and spoke in favor of the article. During his remarks Mr. Hardy said he has not been down here since 1936, and he can expect to be down here in two years. He remained on the floor and took part in the discussion until the

article was voted on. Mr. Hardy's term as a selectman expires in 1951.

25 years ago

Doherty and West Elementary School fifth-graders are preparing to spend the weeks of March 25 and April 1 doing environmental studies in Maine. West, which initiated the program last year, will send fifth-graders for a one-week shift at Ocean Park, while Doherty fifth-graders will be heading for the first time to Spruce Mountain. Doherty teachers will supervise the program and accompany the students on their field trips, which will be conducted by the professional staff at Spruce Mountain. They will take in tumbling mountain springs, tower-

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Men's breakfast

The men's breakfast will be held Friday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m. *Boston Globe* photographer Mark Wilson will give a slide show and lecture on owls of New England. Wilson will bring several live owls with him. Breakfast gets underway at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$3. Call the center for reservations.

Movie matinee

Andrew Lloyd Weber's longest running Broadway musical *Cats* is available in video and will be shown Monday, March 22, at 1 p.m. Movies are open to everyone.

Brown bag lecture

Priscilla Swanson will lecture on the delicate and intricate art of making Ukrainian Easter eggs Wednesday, March 24, at noon. Her work has been displayed at the White

House. Bring a bag lunch, coffee and dessert will be supplied. The cost is \$2. Please preregister.

Visiting artists series

Andover artist Karen Herman will give a workshop/demonstration Thursday, March 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Herman specializes in using old photos as the stimulus for much of her work in oils and pastels. Bring supplies and work along or just come and watch. The cost is \$5 with advance registration appreciated.

Spring craft fair and bake sale

The spring craft fair and bake sale will be held Friday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

Yoga for seniors

A new 10-week session of yoga for seniors will begin Wednesday, March 24. Class runs from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at a cost of \$25.

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There will be more than 40 landscaped garden displays by professional landscape designers and well-known nurseries from the New England area and more than 200 amateur exhibitors displaying award-winning horticultural specimens, plus lectures and demonstration.

Leslie Frost of the Andover Garden Club will represent Andover.

Fundraiser promotes peace in Ireland

An evening of Irish music, Irish dancing and family fun to raise money for the Chil-

dren's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

The project promotes understanding by bringing pairs of Catholic and Protestant students to the United States, including Andover, this summer. Money raised from the event will be used for airfare for three sets of teens.

The evening will include a jump-roping demonstration by Bancroft's Hoppers, Irish music by Doug, Linda and Ian Hamilton of Andover, Irish soda bread and stew, a cash bar, DJ Ted Teichert

and solos by Martin Johnson. Tickets cost \$15 per person (\$35 maximum per family) and are available at the door.

For more information, call Cindy Rayner at 474-4258.

Radon Awareness Week activities at the Senior Center

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program's fourth Radon Awareness Week will begin this week. Radon test kits will be sold at the Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., for \$6 during the week. The kits normally sell for \$20 and up. Volunteers will show homeowners how to complete the test kit, and booths will be set up between 10 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

ing pine forests and ancient rock formations and their secrets. Early indications are that about 90 percent of West's fifth-graders will participate in their program at Ocean Park. Last year those who went studied fresh and salt water marshes, marine life, astronomy, forest management, and conservation. They also kept a daily log of observations and activities. West youngsters are preparing for the program with such activities and projects as rock, leaf, and soil collections, weather diaries, map reading, pollution control, and self-awareness. Doherty preparations include specific environmental projects in that school district.

The annual spaghetti supper sponsored by St. Augustine's School Guild under the chairmanship of Jean and Art Jowett will be held this year on Saturday, March 23 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. The bill of fare includes spaghetti and sauce, salad, Italian bread and butter, homemade desserts and coffee, tea or punch. Tickets for adults and children 12 and under may be obtained from the Jowetts, or from Claire Hamel, ticket chairman. A limited number will be available at the door. Proceeds from this activity help to promote the School Guild support on behalf of St. Augustine School.

On Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the East Junior High School Auditorium, the East Junior High School Drama Club will present its first production of the year. The play, a three-act comedy entitled *Henry the Eighth*, involves approximately 50 students in the various aspects of the production. The play features Julie Jordan, Paula Harhen, Susan LaRochelle, Kevin Sirois, Ricky Kiker, Mark O'Brien, Dave Stein, Pam Lawson, Patty Barrett, Laurie

Hartwick, Connie Fogg, Elaine Fionte, Leslie Laurenza, Jeff Tomlinson, and Ken Sawaya. An additional feature of this presentation will be a featured dance involving 14 other students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by contacting the school. Proceeds from the play are used to defray the cost of student activity programs.

10 years ago

Citing concerns over traffic and excavation issues, the Planning Board turned down a preliminary plan for a 182-unit housing development at the Andover Country Club. In voting unanimously to reject the plan, the board told engineer Paul Ferrante of Dana Perkins Associates to look at traffic off High Plain Road and Canterbury Street. Chairman Russ Morgan said the whole traffic plan has an impact, and there is a real concern. Planning staff also recommended disapproval. The town has learned a lesson from the huge amounts of dirt excavated from the first part of the site developed in the early 1980s, said Steve Colyer, town physical planner. Colyer called the proposal the largest single development plan ever reviewed by the Planning Board. Because of the potential impact, Colyer said he would like to see more detail from the developer. Board member Michael Houghton said he was bothered by the placement of cross-easements through property lines shown on the plans. Ferrante made no comments in response during the meeting.

The School Committee is still waiting for answers for specific legal questions about the Shawshen Extended Day program. Dr. Kenneth Seifert, superintendent of schools, told the committee he is still waiting for the state Department of Education to tell

him if it's OK for the Andover school system to enter a contract agreement with SHED, a non-profit private organization. The committee also wants to know if the plan has to meet historic district standards. SHED officials have a responsibility to the committee, added member Michael Frishman, to provide all the answers to questions raised at last week's meeting. Town meeting will decide article 20, SHED's request for funding to erect a portable classroom on the Shawshen School site. SHED has a bond request to raise additional funds they could not provide. Last week the School Committee voted 4 to 1 to allow the group to build on the Shawshen site, providing compliances set down by the committee were met and funding was voted on at town meeting. Margo Tilghman suggested the committee's motion, including all its stipulations, to be read at Town Meeting, along with any answers available. The committee approved the SHED warrant 3-0-1, with Susan Poore passing.

A zero percent increase in state funding is predicted for the Andover schools next year. The School Committee discussed the \$21.5 million budget and compared figures with this in mind at Tuesday night's meeting. Dr. Kenneth Seifert said that we assume we are getting the same amount of money as last year. The committee's goal is to fund the school's master plan to the greatest possible extent, said Margo Tilghman, the meeting's active chairman in the absence of Donald Robb. Concerns with the curriculum and instruction capital, along with those for the curriculum evaluation plans, were also outlined.

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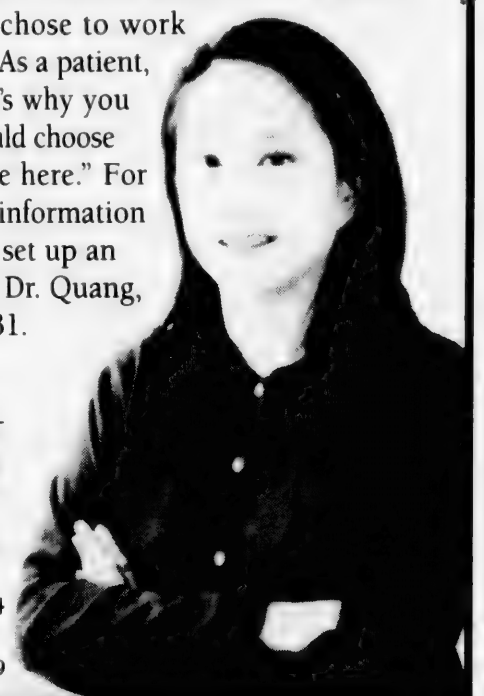
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OBITUARIES

Maud Morgan Ex-Phillips Academy teacher displayed art here for 50 years

Maud Morgan, 96, died Sunday, March 14, at Youville Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Cambridge from complications of pneumonia.

Ms. Morgan and her husband, artist Patrick Morgan, moved to Andover in 1940. She taught at Abbot Academy and he taught at Phillips Academy.

Her paintings were exhibited at Addison Gallery of American Art for 50 years. She also exhibited with Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko and Barnett Newman and was a mentor to the young Frank Stella and Carl Andre.

Ms. Morgan worked in abstract and representational styles. She drew, painted in watercolors, oil and gouache, created collages, made prints and worked with handmade paper.

The Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art and Whitney Museum, all in New York, bought her work.

The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston gives an annual Maud Morgan Award. At her request, it goes to an under-recognized Massachusetts woman artist at midcareer.

Ms. Morgan was born into the New York branch of the Cabot family.

Her mother, Maud Bonner Cabot, hunted caribou and moose on the family's estate in Canada.

In her youth, Ms. Morgan traveled to Russia, India and Paris and knew James Joyce and Ernest Hemingway.

Neila d'Entremont Was freelance industrial equipment designer

Neila d'Entremont, 42, of Lexington died Wednesday, March 10.

Ms. d'Entremont was born in Andover and attended Andover High School, Massachusetts College of Art and Harvard Business School.

She was a freelance industrial designer of medical and electronic equipment.

Members of her family include her husband, Paul d'Entremont of Lexington; daughter, Veronique d'Entremont, also of Lexington; parents, Conrad and Joyce Rossitto of Naples, Fla.; and brothers, Joseph Rossitto and Francis Rossitto.

Services were held Saturday at St. Brigid Church in Lexington.

Arrangements were by Douglas Funeral Home in Lexington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Manic

Depressive and Depressive Association, care of McLean Hospital, 115 Mill St., Belmont, MA 02478.

Gail Bamford Calling hours are tomorrow

Gail (Etheridge) Bamford, 62, of Alexandria, Va., died Saturday, March 13.

Ms. Bamford was born in Brookline and attended Mt. Olvernia Academy and Wheelock College.

She taught music in the Wayland School System before entering Cenacle Convent in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

Ms. Bamford left her religious order when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at age 24. She married and raised four children.

Members of her family include her husband, Gil Bamford; children, Mark, Kristin, David and John; sister, Nancy Swift; and three grandchildren.

Calling hours are scheduled for Friday, March 19, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Spring Grove

Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington, D.C. 20090.

Edwina R. Burke Mother of Burke Funeral Home director was member of St. Augustine Church

Edwina R. Burke, 83, of Andover died Friday, March 12, at Wingate at Andover.

Ms. Burke was born in Lowell.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church and a former member of Shawsheen Village Women's Club.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Garry A. and Doris Burke; granddaughter, Danielle A. Burke, all of Andover; two sisters-in-law, Rita Lee of Westborough and Anne Burke of Andover; a brother-in-law, Col. Jan William Burke, retired, of Manchester, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Garrett J. Burke.

A funeral Mass was said Tuesday in St. Augustine Church. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Lowell.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Church Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover 01810.

(Obituaries continued on next page)

Deaths Elsewhere

BATSON - Edward T. Batson of Tyngsboro died Monday, March 8.

Members of his family include his daughters, Kelly Tiller and her husband, Mark Tiller, and Jennifer Batson, all of Andover.

DOLAN - John Patrick Dolan Jr., 43, of San Diego, Calif., died Monday, March 8, at home.

Members of his family include his wife, Donna (Ferris) Dolan, son, John Patrick Dolan III; and daughter, Amy Frances Dolan, all of Andover.

JACKLIN - Mary Veronica Jacklin, 96, died Tuesday, March 9, at Andover Nursing Home.

LEVINE - Minna (Hersfield) Levine, 91, of North Andover died Monday, March 15, at Prescott Nursing Home in North Andover.

Members of her family include her daughter, Charlotte J. Lynch, and granddaughter, Susan (Lynch) Infantine of Andover.

VAN WELDEN - Carl E. Van Welden Sr., 84, died Saturday, March 13, at Berkley Manor Care Center in Denver, Colo.

Members of his family include his daughter, Karen M. Herman of Andover.

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OBITUARIES

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Frances H. Keaney Worked in the Isham infirmary at PA

Frances H. (Komich) Keaney, 91, of Framingham died Sunday, March 14, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton.

Ms. Keaney was born in South Boston and graduated from St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing in 1933.

The former Andover resident worked in the Isham infirmary at Philips Academy and was a volunteer nurse for St. Augustine's School.

She was a former member of the Altar and Rosary Sodality at St. Augustine Church and served as Grand Regent with the Catholic Daughters of America. She was also a member of Sacred Heart Sodality.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ellen and Doc Bartlett of Framingham; sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Judith Keaney of New Market, N.H., and James and Mary Margaret Keaney of Topsfield; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Sylvester A. "Jack" Keaney and mother of the late Harriet L. Keaney.

A funeral Mass was said Wednesday at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Boston Catholic Television Center, 55 Chapel St., P.O. Box 9109, Newtonville, MA 02460-9109; or St. Elizabeth's Medical Center Employee Emergency Assistance Fund, 736 Cambridge St., care of Development Office, OLH 5D, Brighton, MA 02135.

Ernest J. Perrault Was an equipment operator with F.P. Riley here for 20 years

Ernest J. Perrault, 80, of Methuen died Saturday, March 13, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Perrault was born and educated in Andover.

He served in the Navy Seabees during World War II.

Mr. Perrault was a heavy equipment operator with F.P. Riley Construction Co. in Andover for 20 years and also worked at Shawsheen Mills for many years.

He as a member of Lodge 65 B.P.O.E., and enjoyed bowling and dancing.

Members of his family include his nephews, Paul Perrault of Andover, Eugene Perrault of North Reading, Douglas Perrault and Robert Perrault, both of Salem, N.H., and Richard Perrault of Connecticut.

He was the widower of Alice (Gray) Perrault.

A funeral Mass was said Wednesday in St. Monica Church in Methuen. Burial was in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Pollard Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Raul R. Lanio Employed at Stowe resort for many years

Raul R. Lanio, 44, of Shelburne, Vt., died Thursday, March 11, at Vermont Respite House in Williston, Vt.

Mr. Lanio was born in Havana, Cuba.

Before moving to Vermont, he had lived in Andover and Providence, R.I. He was a graduate of Andover High and University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Mr. Lanio was employed at the Golden Eagle Resort in Stowe, Vt., for many years.

He enjoyed gardening and landscaping and was involved in various charities.

Members of his family include his parents, Ricardo and Olga Lanio of Miami, Fla.; brothers, Daniel Lanio, Ricardo Lanio and his wife, Florence Lanio, Victor Lanio and his wife, Dana Lanio, Alex Lanio and Francis Lanio; and eight nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass was held Saturday at St. John's Vienny Catholic Church.

Burial was private at St. Anne's Cemetery in Cranston, R.I.

Lillian T. Myers Former resident attended Ballardvale United Church

Lillian T. (Brady) Myers, 85, died Tuesday, March 9, at The Inn at Deerfield in New Hampshire.

Ms. Myers was born in Boston.

The former Andover resi-

dent attended Ballardvale United Church.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Joanne and Ewart Balcom of Center Barnstead, N.H.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was the widow of Willard N. Myers.

A memorial service was held Sunday in Ballardvale United Church. Cremation was in Linwood Crematory. Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road, Andover, 01810.

Richard W. Thompson Jr. Was a senior engineer

Richard William Thompson Jr., 59, of Andover died Monday, March 15, at home.

Mr. Thompson was born in Arlington and educated in the Bedford grammar schools. He graduated from Concord High School in Concord, Mass., in 1957 and from Lowell Technological Institute in Lowell with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Thompson worked for Schneeberger Co. of Switzerland in the Bedford, Mass., office as a

senior mechanical engineer and for Laurier Mechanical engineering company in Manchester, N.H.

He was most recently a senior engineer with Speedline Technology, formerly Camelot Tool of Haverhill.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Holy Family Men's Guild, Andover Sportsmen Club and Mass. Ski Club. He was a charitable person who loved traveling, motorcycles, animals, camping, canoeing, bicycling, dancing, music, plays and concerts.

Members of his family include his wife of 12 years, Joyce Ann Thompson of Andover; sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and James Conquest of Groton; one niece; two nephews; and close friend and caregiver, Walter Magurn, who lived with the Thompsons.

Calling hours are scheduled for today, Thursday, March 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen, with a service at 7.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, One Dundee Park, Andover 01810; to Holy Family Hospital, Cancer Management, 70 East St., Methuen, MA; or to Lahey Clinic, Radiation/Oncology Department, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01803.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge. The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover. Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

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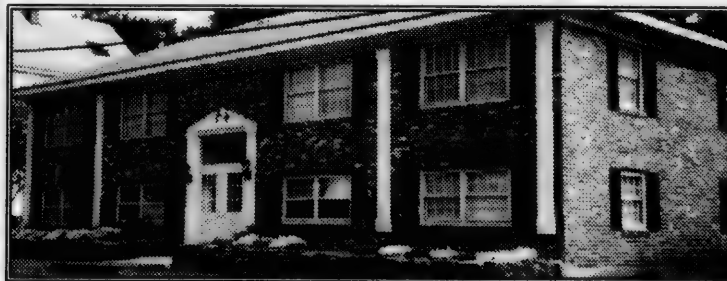
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Business

Business briefs ...

Sgt. Lally reports for duty with Marines

Marine Staff Sgt. Dana K. Lally, son of John F. and Josephine M. Lally of 53 Harold Parker Road, recently reported for duty with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

His rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines and sailors that allows the naval forces to protect U.S. interest around the world while providing a visible deterrence for regional conflicts.

Lally joined the Marine Corps in August 1987.

New Hawthorn Suites hotel now under construction

Princeton Properties of Lowell has broken ground for a \$7.5 million Hawthorn Suites extended-stay, all-suites hotel, which will be located on Riverside Drive in Andover Research Park.

The 84-suite hotel, which will target business travelers, will be the second Hawthorn hotel to be built, owned and managed by Princeton Properties. The first, a 105-suite Hawthorn Suites LTD in Chelmsford, was scheduled to open March 8, while the Andover hotel is scheduled to open in August.

Hawthorn Suites LTD is a mid-market brand extension of Hawthorn Suites.

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Many business travelers prefer extended-stay hotel suites to hotel rooms, because they are larger and more comfortable than the typical hotel room, Flahive said.

The Hawthorn Suites in Andover will include studio, one- and two-bedroom suites, each with a fully equipped kitchen and comfortable living room. Amenities will include a complimentary hot breakfast buffet daily, executive board room, daily social hour, laundry and valet services, a complimentary daily newspaper, a second telephone and computer line in each suite, voice mail and work space for a computer. Additional amenities will include a conference room for small business meetings, outdoor swimming pool, Sports Court health and fitness facilities, an on-site convenience store and a Great Room. Two-bed-

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Springtime growth for two local shops

Two established shops in Olde Andover Village — Mom & Me and Balloonatics — are celebrating spring by growing — one of them into a new location, another with a new name.

In the case of Lori Becker, after winning a seat on the Board of Selectmen last year, the former Andover Center Association chairman's campaign this year is to change the name and expand the clothing line of her maternity shop, which has been called Mom & Me for the past three and a half years.

The shop, which expanded from inside Olde Andover Village into the 93 Main St. storefront last summer, will now be called Citrus, and cater to women of all ages, not just pregnant or nursing mothers.

Citrus will still carry the maternity line, but with a theme of "comfortable clothes for stylish women." Becker is now looking to attract women from their teen years into maturity.

She calls her price range "moderate," and says she is offering "basic, easy styles," from Northern Isles cardigans to City Lights T-shirts in "an array of designs and cool, liquid shades."

These are also relatively casual clothes, for active women, she says. "It's comfy. The kind of stuff you don't have to iron," she says.

Becker says she started the shop largely because after managing businesses for others (she is a former manager of Minuteman Press), she wanted to run her own. And she got into the maternity line partially because "I had said to a bunch of friends in the (local) merchants' group that the next store that came up for sale, I was going to buy."

She didn't exactly do that, but the next store that closed did happen to be a maternity shop. She says she started to do a bit of anecdotal research, asking friends who were pregnant what they thought of maternity clothes, and came up with almost uniform frustration.

"They thought most of the stores were pretty out-of-date," she says, "so I started asking them what's the one thing they'd like to be able to buy in a maternity store. And most of them said they were looking for something like a good pair of jeans or casual pants, instead of stuff with bows and bears."

So she provided what they were looking for, and women responded. But then that created something of a new problem, which is what led to the current change.

"My customers have said over and over again that they wished they didn't have to wait until they had another baby (to shop here)," she says, "but I couldn't really expand in my old loca-

tion. Now that I've got the space, I can do it."

In the case of Ronnie Pisco, the move from "inside" the Village to a storefront across from the Andover Bookstore and next to the Lantern Brunch is, in her words, "like moving from a hole out into the sun. I feel like I've just gotten my first pair of high-heeled shoes," she giggles.

The new location, where Design Design used to be, is the culmination of a long period of growth for the business, she says.

"We've owned it for 10 years," she says, "but it existed for 18 years before that. It's been around forever."

Pisco says the business was originally just a balloon delivery service, but after running it out of her home for the first year, she moved to Lupine Road and expanded into other lines, including gifts and decorations.

She and her husband moved the business into Olde Andover Village two years ago this month, and expanded even more, getting into things like Beanie Babies, "which are the biggest thing to ever come along."

And now, with the move "into the sun," the shop is expanding to include about 20 new lines of toys.

"We're only about 10 square feet larger (at 880 square feet)," she says, "but it feels totally different. When you're just doing deliveries, where we were was OK, because you're doing 90 percent of your work on the phone, but to get into anything else, you have to have exposure."

Now, she says she hopes comments like "Did you just open?" will end.

Balloonatics, which generally employs four people, has to have somewhat flexible hours by necessity. Pisco says when she contracts for something like a wedding or bar mitz-



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Bigger and better — Lori Becker is changing the name of her shop from Mom & Me to Citrus, and Ronnie Pisco is expanding Balloonatics from inside Olde Andover Village to a bigger, more visible location.

vah, "the people come in for a consultation to decide what they're looking for, from invitations to centerpieces to party favors.

"Then I take on the decorating. Sometimes it gets really hectic. One Saturday we had five jobs, ranging from Worcester to Swampscott. And the decorating can go on at all kinds of hours. Sometimes we're here from 6 in the morning until after 7 at night."

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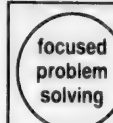
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BUSINESS

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Rutfield joins Delphi

Andover resident Craig S. Rutfield recently joined Delphi Information Systems Inc. as vice president of engineering and chief technology officer (CTO), where he is responsible for overseeing the technical and strategic direction for the company's insurance product lines and the development of its emerging markets.

Located in Billerica, the company is a leading supplier of information and technology to the property and casualty insurance industry. Rutfield, who was formerly Systems Director with First Data Investor Services Group, a subsidiary of First Data Corporation, will focus on the development of next-step and next-generation products and services, according to Max Seybold, Delphi's president and chief executive officer.

While employed by First Data, Rutfield oversaw the development and support of more than a dozen client/server and Internet products. The experience led him to Delphi where he envisions growth opportunities in electronic commerce for the insurance and reinsurance markets, and Delphi in particular, he said.

Seybold shares his vision. "The insurance industry is in the process of making a challenging transition to e-commerce and Internet-based solutions," he said, "and the key elements for making progress will be breakthrough technology and follow-through delivery. So, we are understandably excited to have Craig on board."

Rutfield holds a master's degree in business administration from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a master's of science in electrical engineering from Northeastern University, Boston, and a bachelor of science in computer and systems engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY.

He is married to Mindy Rutfield, a chemical engineer and an aerobics instructor. They have three children, ages 3 to 8.

O'Connor honored at New England real estate gala

Margaret O'Connor, of 22 Railroad St., was honored at the REMAX of New England Awards Gala, held at the Copley Marriott in Boston on Feb. 6.

O'Connor received a plaque from William Soteroff, regional director of REMAX of New England, in recognition of her achievement and membership in the prestigious 100-percent Club.

Her efforts and dedication were applauded as one of the most outstanding realtors in the six-state region. O'Connor is associated with the North Andover office of REMAX Preferred, and specializes in sales within the Andovers.

PAN Communications adds six technology clients

PAN Communications Inc. of Andover has announced the addition of six new accounts, including technology firms Breakaway Solutions, iMarket Inc., Kasten Chase, Network Integrity, PassGo and Quallaby.

"PAN Communications' integrated approach toward media relations, and the use of technologies such as Media Manager, ProfNet and Dow Jones News Retrieval, allow PAN to stay abreast of the latest opportunities to benefit our clients," said Philip A. Nardone Jr., president.

Breakaway Solutions (Boston) provides consulting and systems integration services for mid-sized enterprises that are typically under served by traditional IT solutions providers. Breakaway specializes in customer-facing systems such as customer service, sales force automation, order management and e-business and e-commerce.

iMarket Inc. (Waltham) develops information-driven marketing tools. The company's PC- and Web-based tools help sales and marketing professionals streamline each component of the marketing process.

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Sports

Andover celebrates two state champion hockey teams

PeeWee III team wins State Tournament championship

Andover's first state hockey championship title was captured by the PeeWee III team March 5-7 in Springfield. An exciting championship game against Gardner ended 5-3, capping off the weekend for Andover. Gardner got off to a great start with two goals in the first period and held the 2-0 lead until the 2:53 mark in the second period, when Bronko Carney sent Matt Miller off on a nice break-away goal, cutting the lead to 2-1. Less than a minute later, Lino

Patti tapped in a John Iannelli pass in front of the Gardner goal to knot the score at 2-2. In the third period Brian McCarthy slammed a rebound home off a faceoff from Jamie Prudden and a shot by Mike Haugh, making it 3-2.

Andover's first lead of the game grew to 4-2 on a goal by Iannelli from Patti and Pat McCarron. Less than 30 seconds later Gardner made it 4-3. The gritty Gardner team kept the pressure on in Andover's end, and goalie Tory Traynor made some key saves.

Finally, with 1:13 left in regulation time, Jordan Ellis put the game away for Andover with a

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Front row, from left: David Algiers, Torin Traynor; second row, Michael Haugh, Kyle Ahern, Lino Patti, Patrick McCarron, John Iannelli, Jordan Ellis; third row, Matthew Miller, Jamie Prudden, Andrew Christopher, Bronko Carney, Tony Tomaszczuk, Danny Harrison, Dennis Collins, Brian McCarthy; back row, coaches Kevin Carney, George Ellis, Rob Harrison, Bill Miller.

Andover Squirt 2 Team named State Champs

During the March 5-7 weekend in Dorchester, the Andover Squirt 2 team beat four other Tier III teams to capture the First State title for the Andover Hockey Association Squirt Division. The team led off the tourney with a 10-2 victory over Tewksbury on Friday and followed that with a 2-1 win over Belmont Saturday morning. They suffered their only loss Saturday evening 6-5, in a close match

against a swarming Charlestown team and entered the semifinals Sunday through a third-level tiebreaker, goals scored.

Head coach Jerry Vendola, assistant coaches John Flanagan, Lou Sannella and Tony Abreu had the team wound up for the game against Westwood and beat them 5-1, leaving the final game against Wilmington on Sunday afternoon to decide the champion.

Wilmington had defeated Woburn in their morning game 2-1 in triple overtime. Andover won the championship 5-2, led by the

strong goaltending of Daniel Abreu, and the scoring punch provided by Joe Benedix, Tucker Mullin, Paul Malaguti, Kevin McCarron and John Flanagan. Steady offensive support from Luke Miller, Phil Kim, Craig Lan-

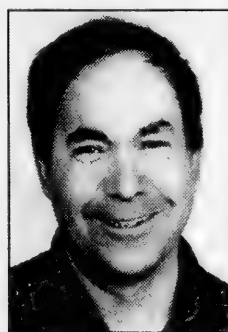
ciani, and Austin Gilbert set up the scoring. Strong defensive support throughout the tournament kept the opponents in their own end or turning over the puck on many occasions. The team defenders are Anthony Christiano,

Bobby Hughes, John Penny, Michael Sannella and Alex Vendola.

The tournament was a difficult challenge in more ways than one, compounded by bad weather.

(Team photos on page 38)

March Madness turns everyone into raving hoop fanatics



Rick Harrison

The bug hits the same time every year, infecting millions of otherwise sane people from Honolulu to Caribou, Maine.

No shots, pills or liquid panaceas can lower the fever. Few, including Andoverites, are immune.

You won't find symptoms of this 'disease' in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* — so here are the most recognizable:

- Bleary eyes from countless hours of TV watching... linked with uncontrollable twitching of thumb and/or index finger from constant channel surfing...
- Incessant exchange of high-fives with everyone from five-year-old son to mother-in-law to garbage collector...
- Obnoxious swagger and butt-wiggling while navigating the few steps from couch to fridge and back...
- Most annoying of all: sudden surges of

absurd enthusiasm and the urge to mimic the irrepressible Dickie V....

"Don't have time for dinner, bay-bee!!!! Kentucky and Kansas are headin' for overtime! It's absolutely Awesome — with a capital A, bay-bee!!!"

It has become as much a harbinger of spring as the first robin, the Red Sox equipment van heading south and the cold sweat signifying tax time.

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Men like Tubby Smith, Bobby Knight, Jim Calhoun, Mike Jarvis, Rick Majeris, Jim O'Brien, John Chaney, Bob Huggins

and Coach K. become friends and family.

Young athletes like Mateen Cleaves, Scoonie Penn, Lamar Odum, Erick Barkley, Ron Artest, Eduardo Najera and Jake Voskuhl become adopted sons through whom millions live vicariously.

Schools like Weber State, Gonzaga, Samford, Valparaiso, Southwest Missouri State and George Mason become household names. And several of these "little giants" enjoy their 15 minutes of fame by pulling staggering upsets.

Anyone who has not jumped into at least one "for-fun-and-amusement-only" NCAA pool at the office — or at their favorite watering hole — is either un-American or a liar.

Bracket sheets are everywhere.

Some people consider the NCAA Men's Tournament the year's top sports event — bigger than the Super Bowl or World Series.

Laugh if you must — but it's true.

Some fanatics plan their vacation around the tournament, while others tape games so they can savor the action over and over.

In hoop hotbeds like Indiana, North Carolina and Michigan, businesses shut down for a couple hours on Game Day and losses are treated like a death in the family.

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Having the FleetCenter as one of the eight first-round sites also increased local awareness this year — although there were few intriguing matchups in Boston last weekend.

UConn and Rhode Island were shipped west, while teams like Ohio State and St. John's, whose coaches have local ties, were also playing hundreds of miles from the Fleet.

Still, everywhere you go people are talking about the tournament, clamoring for scores and exchanging stories about their favorite games past and present.

Why all the fuss? What is the attraction?

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Andover Squirt 2 champs - At right, goalie Daniel Abreau is congratulated.

At far right, in the front row (from left): Craig Lanciani, Luke Miller, Phillip Kim, Austin Gilbert, Joe Benedix, Kevin McCarron; second row, John Penny, Alex Vendola, Paul Malaguti, Tucker Mullin, Anthony Christiano, Bobby Hughes, John Flanagan, Michael Sannella; back row, assistant coach John Flanagan, head coach Jerry Vendola, assistant coach Lou Sannella. Missing from photo: assistant coach Tony Abreau. ▶▶



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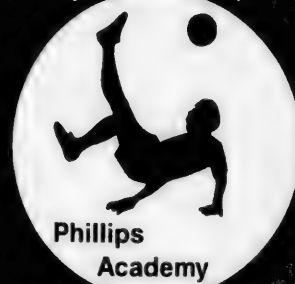
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never have been — as pure and innocent as we wished them to be.

Drugs, point-shaving scandals, phone cards, agents, illegal recruiting, illegal tutoring, free cars, trips, beautiful women, payola and the abuse of other privileges have tarnished major revenue-gathering collegiate sports like football and basketball.

These athletes are no longer "amateurs."

And with so many top players opting to turn pro after less than four years in college, it can be argued that the quality of play has declined dramatically.

However, the popularity of the NAAs endures and may even be growing...

Why?

• The timing is right. Pro football is on hiatus, pro baseball is in spring (who cares?) training, and pro hockey and pro basketball have hit the regular season (*yawn!*) dog days prior to the playoffs.

• There is the lure of the "one loss and you're out format."

One bad game. One mistake at a crucial time. *Single elimination, bay-bee!! See ya.*

• There is the wonderfully absurd notion that Southwest Missouri State and Mt. St. Mary are actually playing in the same tournament with Duke, UCLA and North Carolina.

• Every year a Weber State humbles a North Carolina, a Detroit shocks a UCLA and Gen. Bobby Knight gets his comeuppance for the umpteenth time. The difference between a No. 2 and No. 15 seed is shrinking every year.

• Upsets abound and most Americans love an underdog. This year's tournament has had more than its share of "shockas." You won't see tourney staples North Carolina, UCLA, Utah, Kansas, Tennessee, Indiana, Cincinnati, Arizona or Arkansas in the Sweet 16 action, which begins tonight.

• Perhaps, above all, is the lure of the brackets. The chance to prove how smart — or lucky — you are. And, in some cases, the chance to win (*shsssh!!*) size-

able sums of money.

Most pools are simple. You pick the winner of each game and the person who picks the most winners over the course of the tournament collects the money on March 30.

Of course, pools are usually won by people who know nothing about college basketball but don't want to be left out of the party. They pick teams because they like the color of the uniforms or the team's nickname.

These are the same people who vote for a politician because he looks like their favorite uncle.

Some people try to jazz up their pools.

An increasingly popular one is where team names are selected by blind draw and randomly assigned. Points are awarded for each victory and are determined by the team's seeding. For instance, if a No. 12 seed wins it is worth 12 points, while a victory by a No. 1 seed is only worth one point. The person with the most points after six rounds is the winner.

At any rate... much like the anticipation for *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*... Big Dance Fever has again reached epidemic proportions.

As we enter the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight play this weekend, my brackets are looking pretty healthy.

So rest up, drink plenty of fluids and don't call me until March 30, *bay-bee!!*

PS: Ladies, before you send those angry cards, letters, faxes and e-

mails — this writer realizes the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament is also being held now. And while interest in the women is higher than it's ever been, it still doesn't approach the fanaticism surrounding the men's tourney.

OK, *now* you can send those angry cards, letters, faxes and e-mails...

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PeeWee III champs

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backhand "tip in" on a pass from Kyle Ahern.

"Taking one game at a time, determination and well balanced play from each player was the difference," said Head Coach George Ellis.

Leading the way in the semifinal game to advance to the final was goalie David Algiers, stopping Nashoba 6-3.

Defensemen Dennis Collins, Andrew Christopher, Danny Harrison and forward Tony Tomaszczuk contributed strong aggressive play and unselfish teamwork.

Each of the forwards and defensemen supported this championship effort by either scoring a goal or adding an assist. Andover also beat Wakefield 5-2, Amherst 4-1, and South Boston 7-2, to advance to the championship round.

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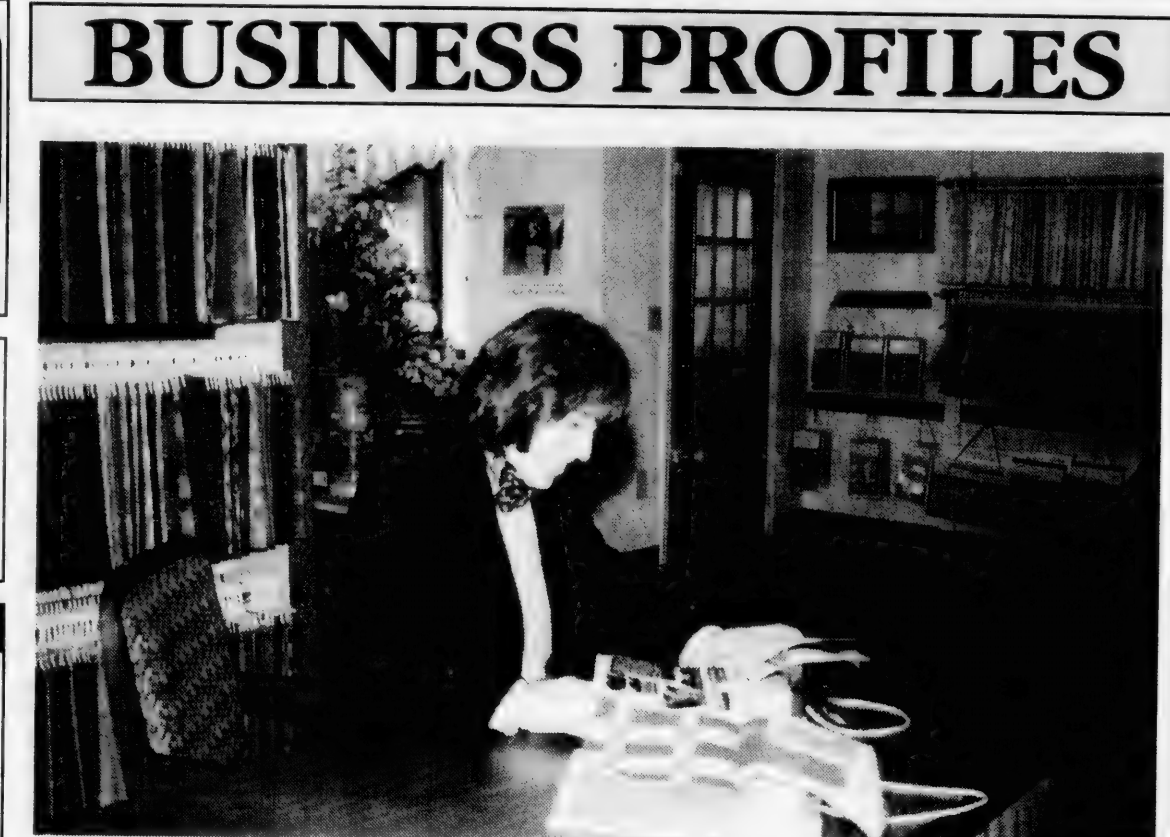
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Owner Pierre Sahyouni with client Amy Humphrey

Salon Chez Pierre

Pierre Sahyouni recently attended the International Beauty Show in New York City and has brought back many new ideas and inspirations on color and cuts to his hair salon, Salon Chez Pierre.

Pierre said that highlighting is still the preferred choice in hair color using numerous applications of blonds, especially strawberry blond and shades of copper. "These supernatural colors give unbelievable highlights when several shades are used," said Pierre.

Pierre likes to give his clients a cut that they can manage at home.

He calls it his "summer cut", or simply a "wash and go cut", with minimal drying and styling. He cuts in geometric shapes, swirling and shearing the hair. "It's all in the technique. Even when the hair is wet, the client should be able to 'shape' the hair with their hands, a brush, or with light drying into the desired style," said Pierre.

Pierre said that updos will be a big hit at proms and graduations, and that the spring season is always a great excuse to try a new look. "People often become bored with their hair during the dreary winter

months and look forward to the warmer weather to try a new look", said Pierre.

Pierre uses the Tocom brand hair color which is made from herbs, giving the hair a more natural look and won't fade. The shop also carries the Rusk Sensories brand of hair products.

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ARRESTS

Thursday, March 11 - At 10:57 a.m., Ana M. Molina, 31, of 147 Lawrence St., Lawrence, was arrested in front of 10 New England Business Center and charged with driving with a revoked license.

Friday, March 12 - At 9:53 a.m., Joel C. Gynan, 20, of 158 Berkley St., Lawrence, was arrested after a vehicle stop and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 3:02 p.m., Felix R. DeLeon, 21, of 94 Osgood St., Lawrence, was arrested on Old River Road and charged with attaching plates to and driving an unregistered, uninsured vehicle without a license.

At 5:18 p.m., Nestor Rivera Jr., 20, of 5 Wood Way Ave., Lawrence, was arrested on Lupine Road and charged on warrants for assault and battery.

Saturday, March 13 - At 11:01 a.m., Marisol Aponte, 33, of 11 Carleton St., Newton, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 2:16 p.m., Gordon Wetmore Jr., 47, of 7 Delphi Circle, Andover was arrested on Salem Street and charged on a warrant for assault and battery.

At 2:24 p.m., Bonnie J. Perrault, 38, of 20 Gerry Drive, Danville, N.H., was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 8:39 p.m., after a babysitter reported a loud party nearby, two Andover boys, aged 16 and 17, were taken into protective custody.

Sunday, March 14 - At 7:23 a.m., Steven A. McCullough, 35, of 165 Main St., Newton, N.H., was arrested on River Road after a vehicle stop, and charged with possession of a Class D substance. Officer Michael Lane stopped the vehicle because it matched a report he received from Haverhill police about a car that may have been used in an armed robbery. An inventory of the car turned up money, a ski mask and other items, which were to be turned over to Haverhill police. Haverhill police planned to pursue an armed robbery warrant on McCullough.

At 2:06 p.m., David Benitez, 33, of 12 Thomas Rd., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a second offense of driving with a suspended license and on warrants for drug and motor vehicle offenses.

At 3:22 p.m., Shawn W. Duncan, 28, of 19 Grove Ave., Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged on a warrant for traffic violations.

Monday, March 15 - At 4:07 p.m., Lance M. Wieland, 25, of 19 Crestwood Drive, Salem, N.H., was arrested on Shattuck Road and charged with unlawfully carrying a firearm as a nonresident, unlawfully carrying a firearm in a vehicle, and illegally possessing a Class D substance.

Tuesday, March 16 - At 9:40 a.m., John L. Lacordia, 32, of 14 Charne Road, Tewksbury, was arrested on Chestnut Street and charged with driving with a

suspended license.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 10 - At 9:33 a.m., a 911 call was received from man working at Corporate Drive who said he meant to dial 411 for information. A minute later the man dialed 911 again, then hung up. A coworker had to confirm for police that the 911 call was done by mistake.

At 10:38 a.m., a restraining order was given to a Andover woman.

At 6:24 p.m., a Dufton Road man asked to speak with an officer "regarding something that may have occurred during the day because of the way his dog of nine years reacted inside the house."

At 7:31 p.m., an officer was to file a report regarding a restraining order violation on Post Office Avenue.

Thursday, March 11 - At 8:40 a.m., a sergeant was to file on a missing gun from Rachel Road.

At 9:39 a.m., a restraining order was given to a man in Andover.

At 2:30 p.m., police received two calls from the Greater Lawrence Technical School, one for "a woman who is causing a disturbance," and one from a woman who said the school would not release her child for a doctor's appointment.

At 3:48 p.m., a motorist came into the station to report he was behind a car on Route 125 when a wallet was either thrown out of a car, or accidentally fell out of a car. The wallet belonged to a North Andover woman and was given to North Andover police to return.

At 5:39 p.m., a male reported a teen-ager was pointing what appeared to be a "cap gun" at cars driving on Summer Street. A sergeant found the person with a gun and planned to contact the teen's parents.

At 9:17 p.m., a woman reported another car pulled next to her car in the Shawsheen Plaza parking lot, and someone got out and assaulted her boyfriend, who was sitting on top of the car.

Friday, March 12 - At 2:53 a.m., an officer was to file on cruiser damage.

At 6:42 a.m., a caller reported a teen-age couple had been sleeping in Andover Village stairwell earlier that morning.

At 11:16 p.m., a caller reported the people in the car in front of her were harassing her and shooting paint balls at her car. The caller followed the vehicle until it was blocked on Woodhaven. The officer talked with everyone involved, but was unable to locate a paint ball gun.

Saturday, March 13 - At 11:37 a.m., a Golden Oaks Lane woman called about two suspicious men in her yard. She then called back to report there was no problem. The men were looking at her property

because she is refinancing her home.

Monday, March 15 - At 10:59 a.m., a restraining order was served to an Andover man.

At 4:21 p.m., a son reported a domestic situation with his father. The two were separated for the evening.

BREAKS

Wednesday, March 10 - At 9:40 a.m., an officer responded to a Union Street nursing facility for an attempted break. An officer reported no entry had been gained and pry marks on the door were from within the previous two weeks.

THEFTS

Wednesday, March 10 - At 2:19 p.m., a man came into the station to report someone had stole his credit card at the Haverhill Street YMCA.

Thursday, March 11 - At 9:55 a.m., a detective was to file on the passing of a bad check.

Friday, March 12 - At 11:46 a.m., a Rogers Brook West man reported his cellular phone had been stolen while he and the phone were in California.

Monday, March 15 - At 12:45 p.m., a Wilmington man reported that an Andover person he gave a ride home had taken his wallet from his truck.

Tuesday, March 16 - At 1:01 p.m., a Wild Rose Drive resident reported the theft of a cellular phone.

At 2:22 p.m., a Bodycote employee reported a steam cleaner missing from a trailer sometime since July.

At 3:38 p.m., an officer was to file a report on the theft of money from Marland Place. Earlier in the day, the executive director had reported that a man she had fired for stealing and a woman who had quit because of that, had both been on the property. The two had also called residents, complaining to them of the termination, she said. The executive director had sent no-trespassing letters to the two, and gave police copies.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 10 - At 10:01 p.m., an officer reported a window smashed and a briefcase taken from a car on Old River Road.

Tuesday, March 16 - At 3:58 p.m., an Orchard Street man reported his license plate lost or stolen.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, March 11 - At 9:58 a.m., a hit-and-run was reported on William Street.

At 2:40 p.m., an accident with personal injury was reported on North Main Street.

Friday, March 12 - At 7:37 a.m., a River

Road caller reported a single-car accident with personal injury. Andover fire and ambulance were detailed and Mass. Electric was notified of a cracked pole.

At 8:40 a.m., an officer reported finding an accident with minor injuries on Greenwood road. An ambulance was sent.

At 8:49 a.m., a three-car accident with personal injuries was reported on Holt Road.

At 11:05 a.m., an officer reported being involved in a minor accident downtown.

At 2:53 p.m., an accident with injury was reported at the corner of Argilla Road and Oriole Drive.

Saturday, March 13 - At 1:15 p.m., there was a report of a two-car accident with injury on Lowell Street. Two patients were taken by ambulance to Lawrence General Hospital.

Monday, March 15 - At 1:14 p.m. a hit-and-run accident was reported on Park Street.

Tuesday, March 16 - At 7:34 a.m., an accident with a minor personal injury was reported on Lowell Street.

At 3:21 p.m., an accident with personal injury was reported on Dascomb Road at the off ramp to Interstate 93 North.

At 3:58 p.m., an accident with injury was reported on River Road.

VANDALISM

There were two reported cases of vandalism, both to cars parked at schools in Andover.

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, April 6, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., in the Second Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, pursuant to the provisions of MGL, Chapter 40A, Section 5, on proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning By-Law as they appear on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. The following privately sponsored zoning amendments will be considered at the hearing:

(1) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE to amend Section III (Establishment of districts) and make appropriate changes to the Zoning Map to rezone from Single Residence SRC to Industrial ID a certain tract of land generally bounded by I-495 on the south; by the Tewksbury town line on the west; by the Andover Village Improvement Society and the New England Power Company on the north; and by Haggetts Pond Road on the east; said tract of land containing approximately 120 acres, and being more specifically identified on a plan prepared for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated May 29, 1991, said plan on file in the Planning Department and the Office of the Town Clerk. On the petition of Richard G. Asoian and others;

(2) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE to amend Section V.A. (Table of Dimensional Requirements) by increasing the front yard setback from 30 feet to 35 feet, and by increasing the side yard setback from 15 feet to 20 feet in the Single Residence A zoning district, and providing therefrom certain exemptions. On the petition of Abigail L. O'Hara and others;

(3) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE to add a new zoning district CGB (Downtown General Business), and make other amendments and changes intended to restrict and regulate certain uses on the first floor level of establishments in said CGB district. On the petition of Denis Ryan and others;

(4) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE to amend Section V.12. (Lot/slope requirements) by combining subsection d. and subsection e. into one subsection which would read: "All areas with natural slopes exceeding 25% over a horizontal distance of 10 feet as measured perpendicular to the contour on a building lot shall be excluded from the calculation of the minimum lot area required for the applicable zoning district and shall be protected and remain in their natural state." On the petition of Abigail L. O'Hara and others.

The full text of the foregoing privately proposed zoning amendments may be examined in the Planning Department, Town Office Building, between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Michael H. Miller, Esq., Chairman

March 18 & 25, 1999

Safety center ...

(Continued from page 1)

should sink or swim with its current vision.

But Larsen says the town should consider other options as life preservers for the project. Among those he's considering supporting is one to split the project. Under this scenario, only a new police station would be built this year, with a new downtown fire station to come later.

"I think that (sticking with the plan) might be a very heroic stance. On the other hand, it may be disastrous. From what I know about Town Meeting, strange things can happen," says Larsen. "I'd like to be ready with something that can save the work that everyone's put into this."

Debate

Currently, the plan for Town Meeting is to give voters two options for a new center. Vote for the \$12.9-million project and pay for it with regular tax revenue, or vote for it and fund it with a Proposition 2 1/2 debt-exclusion override.

But Downs and Larsen say there should be more options about how to build the facility itself.

Larsen says the project must be made "palatable and acceptable," in other words cheaper, or he fears a coalition of groups opposing the plan for different reasons will defeat the effort.

"I worry about that. The first thing I want to see us do is make this an affordable project within the cash flow of our budget," says Larsen, who is looking ahead to next year's proposed debt-exclusion override to build two new schools.

"I am not at all convinced that there will be a positive response on a debt-exclusion override for the safety center, and I do not want to endanger the school vote," he says. "I see a coalition coming together and (the safety center proposal) may not pass Town Meeting."

Finance director Tony Torrisi has recommended the project be funded with a debt-exclusion override, because he thinks paying for it through annual taxes will cramp other departments' operating budgets.

Meanwhile, Downs agrees with Larsen that the current project is too expensive, and says the West Andover fire station should receive a smaller addition before the central station is addressed.

Because of all the new buildings in West Andover, Downs says there is a need for a larger station there. He adds that the West station addition will give downtown firefighters somewhere to go during the downtown construction project.

But Fire Chief Harold Wright said after the meeting that the downtown area is where the town's older buildings exist. The newer buildings, with the latest sprinklers and fire alarms, are located in West Andover, he says.

"We're not ignoring West and Ballardvale. That's another project and that's another time frame," says Wright. "The downtown area is the life safety hazard that scares the hell out of me."

"The mission we were given was to provide a safety center in the downtown area," says Police Chief Brian Pattullo. "The need is there regardless of what happens out in Ballardvale or West Andover."

While Downs agrees there is a need for a new downtown center, he remains opposed to the current plan.

"They keep coming in and trying to ram this (\$12.9-million project) down my throat," says Downs.

Downs and Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski had a brief exchange Monday about how the Town Meeting articles are being presented.

"What you're saying is, either do it with an exclusion or without an exclusion, everything else is incidental," said Downs.

"It comes down to what is the town manager's recommendation. This is it," responded Stapeczynski.

"In other words the rest of it is perfect. The rest of it is all set," said Downs, who clearly does not agree.

But Wright noted after the meeting, "We've been over this for a year. If someone had a problem why didn't they bring it up six months ago or three months ago? We've done what the selectmen have asked us to do. It's a little bit frustrating, to be honest with you. We try to do what they want and to do it ethically and professionally."

"We're certainly not trying to butt heads with the selectmen and we're certainly not trying to ram anything down anyone's throat," he said.

Becker says the town had done significant planning to make sure it has an appropriate project, and the next step is to choose how the project should be funded. Selectmen should not "stir up the pot," she says.

"The board is already split and, from what I'm hearing, the Finance Committee is in the same position," says Becker. "I think we need to continue this with the Finance Committee."

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Shawsheen Village Historic District Study Committee will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 31, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria at the Shawsheen School, for the purpose of discussing the proposed Shawsheen Village Historic District By-Law, Article #84 of the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Raymond H. Flynn, II,
Chairman

SHAWSHEEN VILLAGE
HISTORIC DISTRICT
STUDY COMMITTEE
March 18 & 25, 1999

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Docket No. 99P 0351-G11
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Pamela Casey O'Brien
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March 18, 1999

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March 11, 18 & 25, 1999

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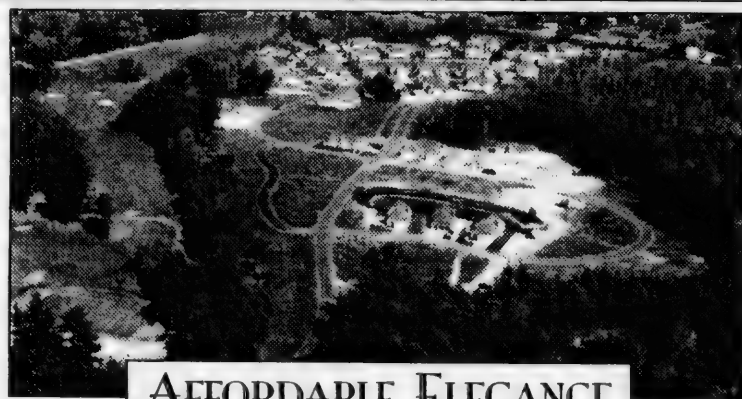
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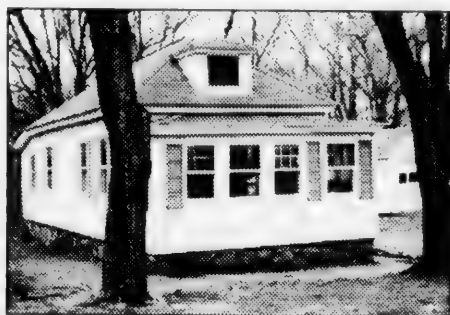
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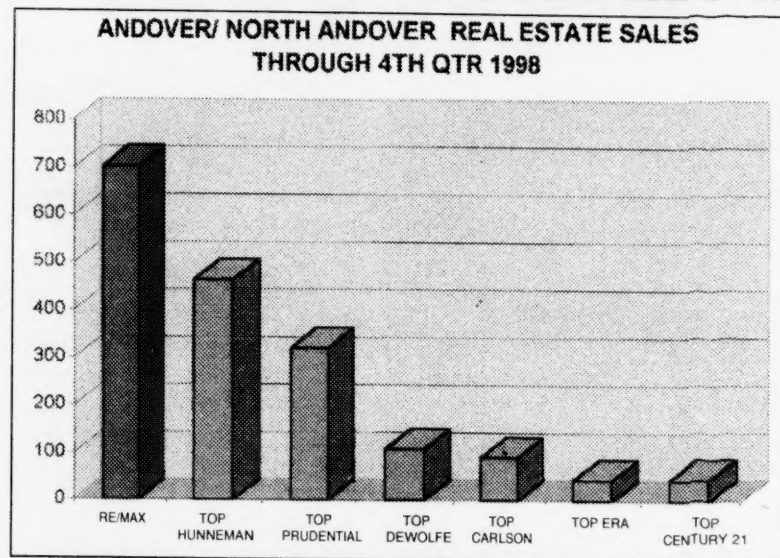


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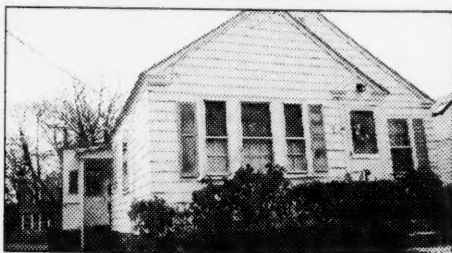
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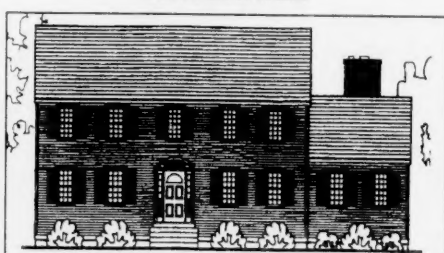
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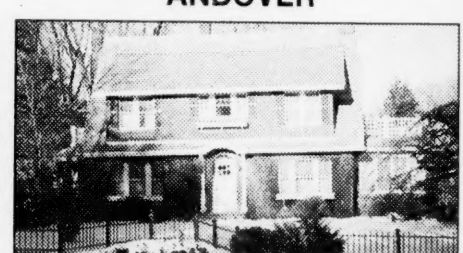
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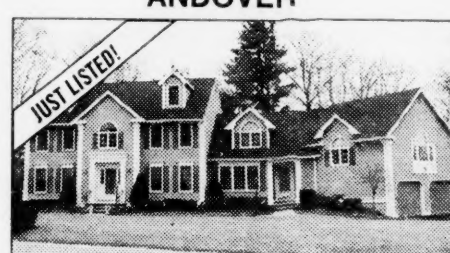
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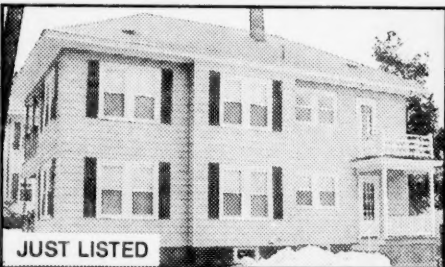
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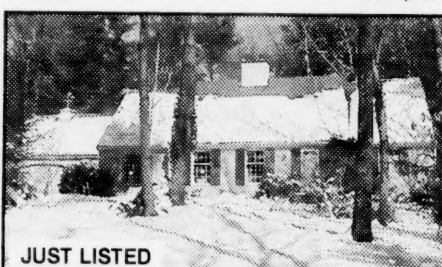
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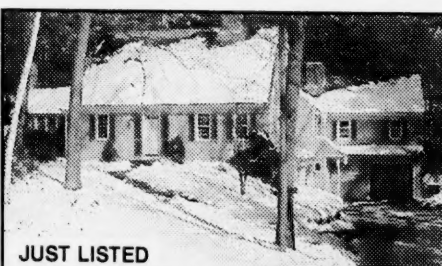
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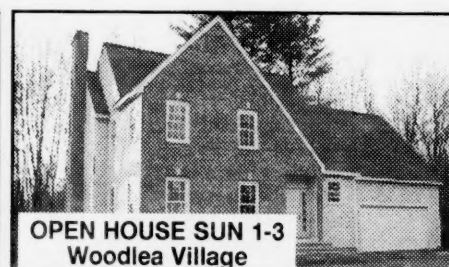
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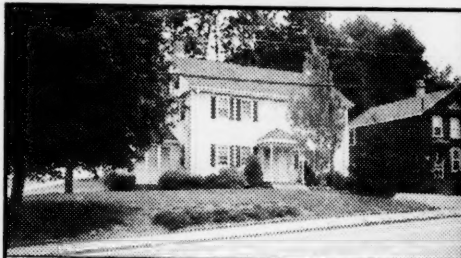
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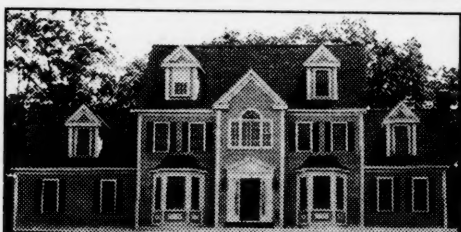
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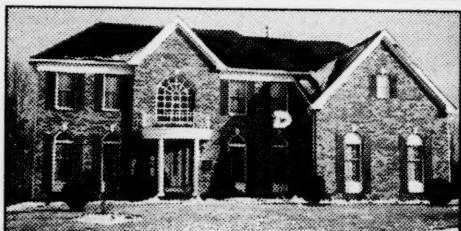
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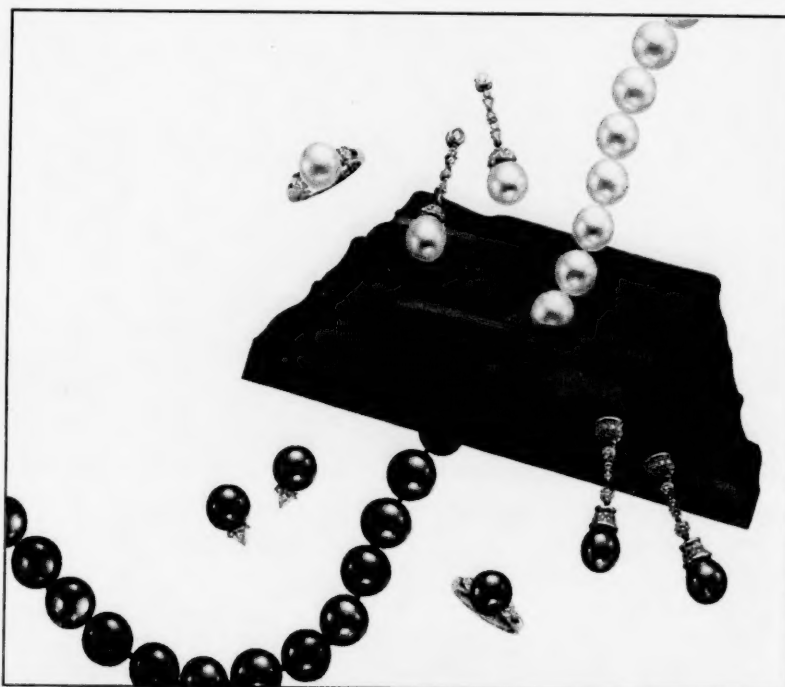
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